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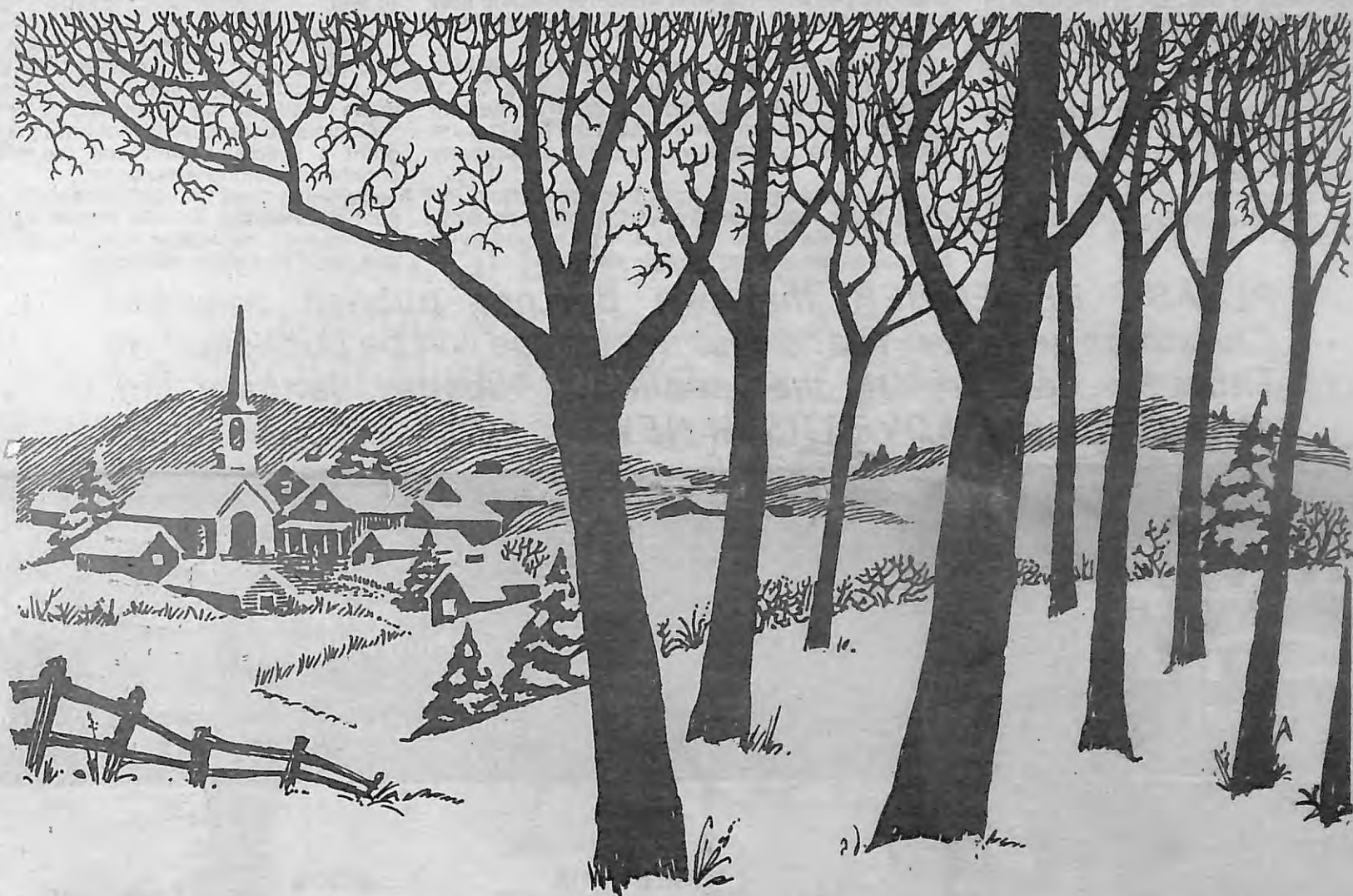
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**by Kathy Cassanelli**  
News Editor

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## Beautification Comm. Offers Thanks For Holiday Support

### To The Editor:

The Agawam Beautification Committee wishes to thank those many who contributed to the Christmas decorations which enlivened our spirits this holiday season.

The decorations at the Town Hall, Anne Sullivan Memorial/Granger School, and the Morgan/Sullivan entrance to town have brought about many favorable comments.

Special thanks are extended to The Anne Sullivan Committee, Parthenon Restaurant, the Agawam Call Firemen, and Berkshire Power Development for their special generosity.

Also, special thanks to Rose Palazzi of the town's Accounting Department who so ably assisted George Bitzas in placing decorations on the front of the Town Hall.

Happy holidays to all!

George Bitzas  
John Zebryk

Agawam Beautification Committee

## New Health Agent Is The Right Person For The Job

### To The Editor:

During the past week, there has been considerable criticism directed at Mayor Johnson and the search committee responsible for naming a new health agent for our town.

Cries of nepotism seem to be a particular favorite of one elected official and one former elected official because the candidate selected, Mr. Randall White, the new health agent, was born and raised in Agawam, is a product of Agawam schools, and is well qualified by virtue of education, training, and work experience for the position.

I am a Feeding Hills resident who has worked at the Springfield Health Department with Mr. White for the past five years, and I assure you that he is a consummate professional. I have witnessed first-hand his calm efficiency in handling a myriad of situations ranging from a simple dog bit report to supervising health department operations in the face of a city crisis.

A highly intelligent individual, he is trained to handle hazardous materials emergencies. As Director of Environmental Health for the city of Springfield, he endeavors to keep himself and his staff updated on current regulations and procedures through participation in pertinent workshops and seminars. In addition, he volunteers his time to various city projects and special events (i.e., rabies clinics, hazardous material disposal drop-offs, Earth Day clean-ups, etc.)

Mr. White was recently invited by the American Public Health Association to present at its annual convention. His supervision of health department

operations during a city emergency involving the rupture of a major water main in September 1994 gained national recognition.

To Mayor Johnson and the search committee members, I offer my congratulations. You didn't allow the possibility of "negative press" to stand in the way of choosing the right person for the job ... regardless of his family tree!!!

Sincerely,  
Carolyn J. Gallagher  
Feeding Hills

## Bickering Over Council Presidency Is Needless

### To The Editor:

I don't understand all this bickering about who is going to be the new council president. Major players are trying to line up enough support while others are jockeying from camp to camp.

Meanwhile, all councilors are eyeballing political party affiliations, voting records, and accusing almost all council president contenders of being either too pro-mayor and anti-mayor.

Why don't you do it the simple way? The person that received the most votes in the council election is the council president. Obviously, that person was chosen by the voters as the most competent.

By the way, I write this letter not knowing which candidate received the most votes.

Stephen Maloney  
Feeding Hills

## Several Politically-Oriented Wishes For Christmas 1995

### To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity, in the spirit of the holidays, to list several Christmas wishes.

First, my wish for the town of Agawam is that it gets responsible government and businesses in the coming year. Responsibility from such entities is only just, and while certain politicians and many existing businesses ARE responsible, a lot of improvement here would be a great Christmas present.

Next, my wish for the Mayor and Town Council (both outgoing and incoming) is that they will focus on doing the town's business and not pursue selfish interests. Even greater, my wish is that these few people grow beyond the petty political games which have characterized the past year. The town of Agawam deserves better than it has received. Town "leaders" should provide consideration and support for their CONSTITUENTS rather than outside interests and their own personal pursuits.

I even have a wish for Berkshire Power and its supporters, in that they learn that the concepts of family, community, and being a good neighbor are more than just cheap advertising slogans. Maybe if the proponents of this power plant scheme could realize that more than their own profits and selfish goals were at stake here, the entire town of Agawam could be relieved of the grief which it has received so far.

The town appears to be destined for more grief in the future should this awful project proceed any further. If the proponents cannot learn these concepts, maybe Santa should leave a lump of coal in their Christmas stockings. The only problem there is that these people may try to burn the coal in Agawam.

Finally, on a more personal note, I wish all my friends and neighbors in Agawam the joys of this Christmas season and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. There are so many good peo-

ple in this town that I believe that only good can eventually come for them.

I am also very thankful for having met and spoken to so many friendly and concerned folks in the last 10 months. It is because of the PEOPLE of Agawam that this town is the great community it is.

Happy Holidays!

Rob Keenan  
Agawam

## Special Emergency Meeting Violated Open Meeting Law

### To The Editor:

I would like to comment on the Special Emergency Meeting of November 22, 1995 as it had all the characteristics of government in a Banana Republic, displaying a blatant disregard for any laws, the Charter, and the Constitution and a total abuse of power. The arrogance that was shown at this meeting surpasses all previous meetings.

This meeting was held in violation of the open meeting law that requires 48 hours notice.

This council allowed the Mayor to call a special meeting to act on an item of the council's agenda. A violation of the State Constitution, interfering with the legislative branch of government (Article XXX).

Article 3, Section 3-2 Executive Powers Enforcement of Ordinances allows the Mayor to call a special meeting or an emergency meeting at any time providing that it is his own item of agenda and doesn't interfere with the legislative branch on any measure that is being acted upon by that branch of government (the Council).

A special meeting of council business can only be called by the council president or five members of the council. Section 2-7 of the Charter.

An emergency meeting requires a preamble that declares and defines the emergency and shall be separately voted on and shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Town Council. Section 2-9 of the Charter.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Thursday, December 28th  
School vacation story hour with  
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Thursday, December 28th  
Agawam/West Side Toastmasters mtg.  
At Country Estates Nursing Home,  
Route 75, Agawam  
7:00 p.m.  
Call 786-6920 or 789-1366 for more info.

Sunday, December 31st  
Mid-Winter Night Committee's  
New Year's Eve Celebration  
For information on the various  
activities, call the Agawam  
Parks/Rec. Dept., 786-0400, ext. 456

Saturday, January 6th  
West Side/Agawam Elks Hoop Shoot  
At West Spfld. Boys' & Girls' Club  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
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An emergency must be an unforeseen occurrence concerning the health, welfare, and safety of the public and not to be used for any other purpose. The information on the item acted on was available five months prior to this Special Emergency Meeting and was not an emergency by any stretch of the imagination.

I ask, what has happened to our town government? Where did we go wrong? Have we gone completely crazy? You did take an oath of office to uphold the Charter and all state and federal laws.

Are we a government of laws? Or are we to be governed by men and women that make up their own rules as the occasion arises?

It is my hope that the new council will elect a council president that will show some leadership and have some knowledge of the laws and rules of the Charter and bring back some degree of trust in the way our government is run. This person must be of independent mind and not to be controlled by the Mayor if this body is to function in the best interest of the Town of Agawam in the coming year.

Peter Longo  
Agawam

## Agawam's Snow Removal Ordinance

This is a reminder that snow and ice has to be removed from sidewalks after a snowstorm. The Agawam City Ordinance No. 155-10 states in part:

*The tenant or occupant and, in case there is no tenant or occupant, the owner or persons having the care of any estate abutting upon any street, lane, court or square within the town where there is a sidewalk which now is established or set apart as such, shall remove, within twenty-four (24) hours after ceasing to fall, any snow and/or ice thereon.*

*No persons plowing, pushing or shoveling snow or ice from private parking lots, driveways or sidewalks in or upon any street or public way shall leave any ridge of ice or snow or other debris upon such public way as to cause hazardous or dangerous conditions.*

*Any person violating any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine.*

The Agawam Police Department has been receiving complaints that some sidewalks are not cleared. This is causing a problem for pedestrians who are forced to walk in the roadway. Even the school children who do not walk to school must use the sidewalks to get to their assigned bus stops.

## Three Councilors Contact DA's Office Regarding Nov. 22nd Mtg.

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Three Town Councilors have asked the Hampden County District Attorney to look into the process leading to the council's approval of a gas storage license for Fisher Scientific on November 22nd.

In a letter to District Attorney William Bennett, Councilors Edward A. Caba, Thomas J. Ennis, Jr., and Gary F. Suffriti stated their concern that "the Mayor of Agawam and the Agawam City Council president (Nancy Thompson) are in violation of the Agawam Home Rule Charter and of state laws."

Suffriti said the three councilors met with an assistant district attorney on Monday, December 18th and expected a response to their inquiry sometime in January.

In documents filed with the DA's office, the councilors allege that the separation of powers established in Article XXX of the Massachusetts constitution was violated when Mayor Christopher C. Johnson called an emergency special meeting of the council after consideration of a gas storage permit for Fisher Scientific was charter objected to at the regular council meeting November 20th.

### The Council's Agenda Item

"The bone of contention is that this was the council's agenda item," Suffriti said. "I strongly feel that this isn't right, but if I'm wrong, it's a scary thought because it means we have no checks and balances between the executive and the legislative branches of government."

Suffriti said he agreed that the Mayor had every right to call a special meeting for his own agenda item, but not for an item already under consideration by the council.

The DA's office will also be looking into allegations that the open meeting law requiring that notice of a special meeting be posted in a public place 48 hours prior to the meeting was violated.

Suffriti said he received his notice of the special emergency meeting at 11:40 p.m.

November 20th and that the notice had been time stamped in the Town Clerk's Office at 6:11 p.m., after Town Hall was closed, thereby denying the citizens access to the information.

### Did Not Constitute An Emergency

In addition, Suffriti, Caba, and Ennis contend that the application for chemical storage at Fisher Scientific should have gone to the Zoning Board of Appeals; that the situation did not constitute an emergency since the license application was originally submitted in April 1995, and that an emergency meeting requires an emergency preamble approved by two-thirds of the council before action is taken.

Furthermore, Suffriti said, "There is no such animal as a special emergency meeting."

On November 22nd, Town Solicitor Thomas Locke prepared a legal opinion finding that the special emergency meeting had been legally called under the provisions of the Agawam Home Rule Charter and was in full compliance with the state's Open Meeting Law.

Ms. Thompson said Suffriti was welcome to challenge her ruling that the meeting was in order and in compliance with the open meeting law, but "the Mayor has the right to do this."

Fisher Scientific, a Pittsburgh based laboratory supply company, received a license to store 8,583 gallons of combustible liquid and 31,650 gallons of flammable liquids in an aboveground storage vault at their new warehouse on Bowles Road in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park with the support of Councilors George Bitzas, Jill Simpson, David Skolnick, Vivian Dzdiardziel, James Taylor, and Ms. Thompson.

Ennis voted "present"; Suffriti did not answer the roll call; Caba left the meeting before the vote was taken.

Caba said that evening, "I will not be a party to this. I will vacate my seat and leave the premises."

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# Rep. Keenan Acts To Support Police Efforts

As another tool to aid local police in their crime-fighting efforts, Rep. Daniel F. Keenan has supported legislation aimed at providing officers with statutory protection from those who resist arrest. "Having worked to become a supportive partner to our local police force, I am extremely pleased that my advocacy of this measure has proven successful. Our police officers should not have to bear assaults while working to protect us from those individuals who pose a danger to us all," commented Rep. Keenan.

Prior to the legislative session, Rep. Keenan said resisting arrest was not a crime in Massachusetts. Citing statistics from 1993 which report that Boston saw over 530 incidents of injuries to officers resulting from attacks from apprehending suspects, Rep. Keenan noted that the arguments for this action were clear and forceful.

"While we in the Legislature continue to address the root causes of crime, the plain fact is that our police face bigger risks today than ever before. As we enact stricter penalties for violators and make sure a sentence rendered is a sentence served, criminals can become more combative. We owe it to our officers to ensure their safety as they ensure ours," he stated.

Rep. Keenan's most recent action is indicative of his commitment to fighting crime and providing supports for public safety officials in the Commonwealth. Some of the successes he helped to secure in 1995 include: \$12.16 million for a community policing grant program to put more cops on the street, creation of a new warrant management system in the trial courts, enactment of the Victims Rights Law to empower crime victims with additional statutory rights, and initial approval of a prison bond bill which will add prison cells and relieve dangerous overcrowding in state prisons.

"I will continue to combat crime in every possible manner, whether it be the obvious strategies of supporting police and judicial personnel or in more subtle forms such as enacting policies which will create jobs and educate our kids about the evils of drugs. Providing our citizens with a safe community remains a top priority for me," concluded Rep. Keenan.

Best local news...

# Plans Finalized For Agawam's New Year's Eve Celebration

The Agawam Mid-Winter Night Committee has finalized its plans for a spectacular family oriented New Year's Eve celebration. This year's festivities will kick-off at 3:00 p.m. with the all new children's carnival at Phelps School.

Activities will include balloon sculptures, caricatures, popcorn, and much, much more. A host of performances to be featured are magician Tom O'Brien; Project Concern Youth Dance Company; the Agawam Repertory Theatre; Ambiance Wind Quintet; musician and storyteller Roger Tinkell; oldies band Hydrolic Jaxx; and a special cabaret duo to round the evening out.

Performance sites include the Captain Leonard House, the Agawam Congregational Church, the Agawam Baptist Church, Phelps School gym, and the St. John's Parish Hall.

As always, the horse and carriage rides will be available for your enjoyment.

All performances (and carriage rides) are included in the price of the Mid-Winter Night badges which are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Badges are available in at the Recreation Office, the Senior Center, Town Hall, the Agawam Public Market, and E.B.'s Restaurant. Badges will also be available the night of the event at each location.

In order to maintain the high quality of entertainment and to insure affordable family prices, the Committee has once again enlisted the help of area business and community leaders. To date, sponsorship pledges have been received from the Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Rotary Club, Agawam Jr. Women's Club, Bay Bank, Taylor Rental, Mayor Christopher Johnson, State Representative Daniel Keenan, Congressman Richard Neal, and Senator Linda Melconian.

For more information, call Karla Young or Mary Keller at the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, 786-0400, ext. 456.

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# FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
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These lethal weapons should always be kept on a high shelf out of reach of the children. If you have smokers in the house, they should take extra precautions to keep lighters and matches out of children's hands.

The Agawam Fire Department encourages you to take time to teach your children that a match is a tool, not a toy. Adults use these tools for specific purposes—to light a stove, a candle, or a camp fire. Teach them to tell you or another grown-up if they find matches or a lighter.

The majority of fires that are started by children aren't intentional. They are preventable accidents, if we do our part to keep these lethal weapons out of children's hands.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 4, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of B&M Fitzgerald Builders for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Katy Estates, a proposed 5 lot subdivision to be located on the east side of North West Street.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

Published: December 21, 1995

# State Senator Linda J. Melconian

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Season



Dear Friends,  
We wish to extend to you and your families our heartfelt wishes for a joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Best Wishes,

State Representative Dan Keenan  
Jill Keenan



## Keenan Announces \$40,000 Grant For Ag. Public Schools

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that the Agawam Public Schools have been awarded a \$40,000 grant through the Department of Education.

The grant was announced in the latest round of awards under the Education Reform FY 96 Competitive Grant Awards Program. The \$40,000 grant was awarded for support of teacher and administrator preparation under the Goals 2000 Pre-Service Grant Program. This program supports the improvement of teacher and administrative programs consistent with Goals 2000 and the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993.

"I am pleased that the Agawam School District was successful in this very competitive grants process," stated Rep. Keenan. "These funds will help to provide a quality education for the students of Agawam."

Each district receives substantial additional state dollars from Chapter 70 aid which represents the dollars provided to school districts through the Foundation Budget formula of the Education Reform Act of 1993, and additional state and federal funds such as Title I, School Building Assistance, and non-competitive "entitlement" grants.

## Keenan Says House Passes Info Measure About Physicians

In a revolutionary move which seeks to place the Commonwealth on the cutting edge of public disclosure laws, Representative Daniel F. Keenan and his colleagues in the House have adopted legislation which will make Massachusetts the first state in the nation to provide its health care consumers detailed information on practicing physicians.

"This bill will serve to assist individuals faced with the very personal decision of choosing a doctor by making available any and all relevant information concerning physicians who practice in Massachusetts. It will also allow consumers to rate their current doctors," stated Rep. Keenan.

The bill's major component requires the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine to develop profiles on individual physicians. These profiles would contain information concerning a doctor's education, credentials, and background. Also included in this outline would be a record of any malpractice judgment awards or settlements along with the number of complaints customary for that particular specialty, as well as whether the physician's hospital privileges have ever been restricted or revoked.

"Consumers deserve the opportunity to make an informed choice. As the delivery and overall climate of the health care industry continue to change, I will be there every step of the way to protect the rights and provide a voice for Massachusetts residents," Rep. Keenan concluded.

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## Councilors Still Uncommitted About 1996 President

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

After taking the oath of office on January 2nd, the 11 town councilors-elect will hold their first meeting. Their only order of business will be to elect a president and a vice-president.

Of the seven returning councilors, only one is expressing an interest in the job, and two councilors whose names have been mentioned as possible candidates for the job are no longer interested.

Council President Nancy Thompson said she is not actively seeking the job, but would accept if nominated. "We'll just have to wait and see," Ms. Thompson said.

Thomas Ennis, Jr., who withdrew his name from consideration, said he was "absolutely not" reconsidering running for the council's number-one spot because of personal attacks against him by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

"The administration can't stick to the issues, and it wouldn't be good for the town to have warfare (between the Town Hall and the council)," Ennis said. "It's really obvious that the Mayor doesn't want to work with certain people and only wants to work with the people who do as they're told. And I don't do as I'm told."

Ennis said he is keeping an open mind and is not supporting any one candidate at the moment.

Councilor Jill Simpson said she was not running for the job and would not accept if nominated. However, Mrs. Simpson is interested in the vice-presidency. She would not comment on her choice for the presidency.

With two young children, Mrs. Simpson cited time constraints as one of the reasons she is not running. "It's a big job and you have to put a lot of time and effort into it," Mrs. Simpson said.

Also not interested in the job are Councilors Edward Caba, George Bitzas, and Gary Suffriti.

Caba said he had planned to nominate Ennis, but doesn't know who he will support now that Ennis is not running.

After four years as council vice-president, George Bitzas said he is not interested in either post. "Let someone else have a chance," Bitzas said.

Bitzas predicted Ms. Thompson and Mrs. Simpson would be chosen for the top two council positions.

Suffriti said he would not support Ms. Thompson's candidacy. "I have a great deal of respect for her as a person, but I don't think she's the right one to lead the council," Suffriti said.

Suffriti said he objected to Ms. Thompson's decisions as the council's parliamentarian and her treatment of council Clerk Ursula Retzler.

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## Looking Back...

by David Gallano  
Agawam Historian



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#### DECEMBER 11th - "SCUTTLEBUTT" RAISES ZONING QUESTIONS

Councilor-elect Roy Benjamin told the Town Council that he had heard "scuttlebutt" that the Planning Board had pre-arranged to vote unanimously on the zone change and that the vote had been taken in executive session.

Mrs. Natalie George, Planning Board Chairperson, denied the allegation. "All work by the Planning Board is open and above-board," Mrs. George said. "Every member is independent."

Benjamin persisted, saying he thought the issue should be investigated. "If there was a pre-arranged vote, then it was a disservice to the petitioner," he said.

In a lighter vein, Town Manager James D. Westman commented, "If you could take the scuttlebutt in this town and use it for energy, we'd be in good shape."

#### DECEMBER 11th - BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES PROPOSE LIBRARY IN FEEDING HILLS

The Board of Library Trustees has presented the council with a request to approve construction of a \$485,000 library on North Westfield Street donated by the Halladay family. Council action is scheduled for December 17th.

#### DECEMBER 13th - RAIN KEEPS FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY

Five calls kept the Agawam Fire Department busy over the last couple of days. Pouring rain which drained into two cellars, extinguishing the heating systems, were two of the five calls. Smoke from a fireplace, a short circuited sump pump, and burning popcorn were the other three calls. Water-filled cellars were the causes and required firefighters to use their pumping equipment. A tenant in the Elizabeth Manor Apartments smelled smoke at 10:25 and responding firemen discovered that the source was burning popcorn in an adjoining apartment.

## Keenan: Copayment Reform Could Save Insured Millions

Recent changes to the method of calculating certain copayments could save policy holders millions of dollars, according to Rep. Daniel F. Keenan. Referring to the way the insurance industry charges copayments owed to hospitals who have discount arrangements with insurers, Rep. Keenan says policy holders should pay a copayment based on the discounted hospital charge, not the retail charge as is the current practice.

"Presently a typical policy holder with a 20% copayment would pay \$200 on a \$1,000 surgery bill. Yet, in many cases, the insurance company has negotiated its own discount with the hospital, as high as 50% or greater. While the insurer in this case would save \$500 with a 50% discount, the policy holder would actually pay 40% of the bill. This is wrong and the system must be reformed," stated Rep. Keenan.

Under the House bill which was referred to the Senate Steering and Policy Committee, copayments would be based on the reduced rate. Although the bill still needs Senate approval, at least one major insurer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, recently testified that it has established January 1, 1996 as the date it will base copayments for hospitalization on the lesser of the retail or discounted rate. Other insurers are expected to follow.

"It is tough enough for many to afford a copayment without being charged double or triple what they would actually pay. Insurance must be affordable and responsible to consumers," concluded Rep. Keenan.

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#### DECEMBER 17th - NEW LIGHTING FOR ROUTE 57 COSTING \$1,700 MORE

Councilor Barnes informed the council that land needed to run underground cable at Karen Drive is not available to Western Mass. Electric Co. Instead, overhead cable to new pole locations will have to run in over a longer distance from Mill Street, costing \$2,200 instead of \$500 for the Karen Drive connection.

#### DECEMBER 17th - PARKS & REC. DEPT. PLAN FAMILY TYPE RECREATION

Adult and youth program scheduled to start in January include men's volleyball, a women's physical education, ballroom dancing lessons, belly dance instructions, adult swim lessons, men's basketball, self-defense classes, cross country skiing, baton lessons, and eurythmics will be featured rounding out the winter program by the Parks & Recreations Dept.

#### DECEMBER 17th - TOWN APPROVES \$8,000 FOR FEEDING HILLS LIBRARY REPAIR

Town Council approved an \$8,000 expenditure from the stabilization fund for the repair of the Feeding Hills library. Councilor Benjamin reported that the town Builders' Association will participate in the library's repair. Appointed was a study committee to find alternatives for the library. President Lockhart appointed Councilor Fieldstad, Roy Benjamin, and Richard Theroux to the study group. The lone dissenting vote on the \$8,000 was Councilor Cecelia Harrington, who has repeatedly favored a new library.

#### DECEMBER 23rd - RESIDENTIAL GROWTH TO CONTINUE FOR FIVE YEARS

The expectation of growth is part of a seven page report released by the Planning Board from the consultants, Brown, Donald and Donald of Farmington, Connecticut. Since the year 1962, when the last master plan was submitted, the town's number of dwelling units has doubled to accommodate two-thirds increase in the population, which today rests at 26,000.

There are 8,600 dwelling units, including 2,800 apartment units, a fact which Board Chairman Natalie George said was "surprising."

#### DECEMBER 28th - SGT. CARTELLO TO TAKE CHARGE OF DETECTIVES

Town Manager James Westman has appointed Sgt. Charles Cartello to head the Police Department's seven-man Detective Bureau. The appointment was made on the recommendation of Police Chief R. Kenneth Grady. Cartello has headed the Police Department's photography lab.

## Ordinances Regulating On-Street Winter Parking In Agawam

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents of the ordinances regulating on-street winter parking between November 15th and April 15th.

The Department of Public Works has been empowered to declare on-street parking bans for the purpose of snow and ice removal and to tow any vehicles parked on streets in violation of these bans. Any person whose vehicle is removed is responsible for the cost of towing and storage and is subject to an additional fine in the amount of \$25.

It is the intent of the Department of Public Works to declare bans against any on-street parking whenever a snowstorm of plowable magnitude is forecast. Residents should tune to local radio and television stations or the Community Bulletin Board on Cable TV Channel 5 for announcements of bans.

In order for the Department to efficiently and effectively clean snow, it is important that no vehicles be parked on the streets. Parked vehicles result in ridges of snow and ice that reduce the travelled width of the roadway and endangers the public. Costly repaving is required to clear the residue. Residents should be forewarned that the Department will remove vehicles violating any parking ban.

Residents are also advised that it is their responsibility to remove snow and control ice on the sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the end of a storm.

The Department of Public Works is only empowered to plow sidewalks on major streets where children are required to walk to school.

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## Obituaries

### Slimeon N. Beck

Slimeon N. "Jim" Beck, 89, of 51 Brookline Ave., Agawam, a machinist for several area companies, died in Noble Hospital.

Born in Burne, Nova Scotia, he came to this country at an early age and attended local schools. He was a longtime resident of Springfield, and was a resident of Feeding Hills for the past 35 years.

His wife, the former Rita Charest, died in 1984. He leaves three sons, Richard of Enfield, Connecticut, Robert of Malibu, California, and Roger of Resada, California; three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

### Dr. John C. Tate

Dr. John C. Tate, 87, of Birch Hill Road, Agawam, a retired thoracic surgeon, died in the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. He was a senior surgical staffer at the old Springfield Hospital (now part of Baystate Medical Center), and received a 50-year pin.

He also was on the staff at the Soldiers' Home. He had been a thoracic surgeon at Central Maine Auditorium in Fairfield, Maine, and the former Westfield Sanatorium.

Born in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, he attended the former Southwestern University (now Rhodes College) in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee Medical Center, and interned at Memphis General Hospital.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, and held the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served with the Medical Corps, and specialized in thoracic and general surgery.

He moved here later, and worshipped at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield. He was a trustee of the Agawam Center Library Association.

He belonged to the American, Massachusetts, and Hampden District Medical Associations, and the BMC honorary staff. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He leaves his wife, the former Margaret Tompkins; a daughter, Ann T. Hall of Agawam; five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

His son, Charles L., died in 1980.

The funeral was in the church with a private burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Open Pantry, 755 Worthington St., Springfield 01109, or the Rescue Mission, Inc., 19 Bliss St., Springfield 01105.

### Donald R. Bennett

Donald Robert Bennett, 52, of Chicopee, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center after a long battle with cancer.

He owned and operated Acorn Printing Co. of Agawam. He had been a vice president of U.S. Color, and was the printing department manager at the Taylor Rental corporate headquarters in Springfield and New Britain, Connecticut.

Born in Springfield, he was a longtime Chicopee resident, and a graduate of Chicopee High School. He served in the Army Reserve.

He was president of the Taylor Rental Bowling League and Golf Club, and a director of the Boys and Girls Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Christine R. Perron; two sons, Craig Donald and Darren Robert; a daughter, Dawn Marie Bennett, all of Chicopee;

## Paying Last Respects To Donald Curran...



**THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT** paid its last respects to one of its firefighters who passed away on December 3, 1995. The funeral procession passed the fire headquarters one last time with firefighter Donald Curran, and department members stood at attention as the hearse passed by. Firefighter Curran, who joined the department in 1954 and retired in 1985, was laid to rest in the Springfield Street Cemetery. He will be missed by all members of the department. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



his mother, Emma May (Flick) Bennett of Enfield; three brothers, John of Hampden, William of Red Hills, Pennsylvania, and Russell of Enfield.

The funeral was held at Phaneuf-Blais Fairview Funeral Chapels.

Memorial contributions (indicating Christine Bennett as next-of-kin) may be made to the Cancer Research Institute, 681 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021.

### Millie Sparrow

Millie (Borowski) Sparrow, 81, of 7 Sylvan Lane, Agawam, died at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

Born in Greenfield, she lived in West Springfield before moving here 40 years ago. She was active in the Feeding Hills Women's Club. Her husband, Raymond W. Sparrow, a well-known photographer and orchestra leader, died in 1982.

She leaves a son, R. Bruce of Agawam; four sisters, Jan Svoboda and Kay Winn of Greenfield, Lou Svoboda of South Hadley, and Mary Williams of New York City, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

### Oscar J. Guidetti

Oscar J. Guidetti, 87, of 19 Homestead St., Agawam, a 10-year custodian in the town schools, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. He retired in 1976.

He had been a 35-year employee of Gilbert &

Barker Co. Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School. A longtime resident here, he was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was in the Army during World War II, and served with the 326th Ordinance Base Depot in the 1945 Rhineland campaign.

He received a Good Conduct Medal, European and American theater ribbons, and a Victory Medal. He leaves his wife of 53 years, the former Helen C. Dombrowski; a son, Robert M. at home, and a brother, Claude, of Agawam.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church, 823 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

### William R. McCann

William R. McCann, 43, of 53 Fernwood Dr., Agawam, died Tuesday, December 12th at home. He worked for the Parks and Recreation Department in Enfield, CT for 15 years.

Born in Fairhaven, Vermont, he was a longtime resident of Enfield before moving here 15 years ago. He graduated from Enfield High School.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of the Woodford Snow Busters in Vermont. He was also a season's ticket holder for the former Indians, now Falcons, hockey team of Springfield.

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He leaves his wife, the former Elizabeth M. Penna; a son, Nicholas W. at home; a stepson, Kyle Torsiello of Springfield; a step-daughter, Tiffany Torsiello of West Springfield; his father, Edward McCann of Enfield; four brothers, Edward of Enfield, Thomas of Broomfield, Colorado, and Daniel and Robert, both of Enfield; a sister, Nancy Reed of Somers, CT; and a step-grandson, Jacob Averill of West Springfield.

A funeral service was held at Colonial Funeral Home of Agawam with burial following in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Co-workers from the Town of Enfield Park and Recreation Department have established a trust fund for his son, Nicholas. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made either to this account, the Nicholas McCann Trust Fund, at SIS Bank, 40 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA 01001 or to Hospice of Hampshire County, 7 Denniston Place, Northampton, MA 01061.

**Selden J. Besaw**

Selden J. Besaw, 88, of 44 Edward St., Agawam, died Friday in his home.

Born in Lowell, Vermont, he lived in Springfield for 21 years before moving to Agawam in 1966.

He retired in 1992 from BayBank in Springfield, where he worked in the mailroom for 22 years. Previously, he worked for the former Uniroyal Tire Company in Chicopee for 24 years (1944-1968).

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a member of the Elks Lodge No. 1849 in Chicopee, and the Agawam Senior Citizens Chapter 2.

He leaves his wife, the former Ida Robtoy; his son, Donald of Ludlow; his brother, Elbridge of Indiantown, Florida; three sisters, Iva Labounty and Gabrielle Turner of Newport, Vermont, and Lorene Gibney of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; two grand-

daughters and one great-granddaughter. A sister, Irene Roland, predeceased him in 1993.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church. Burial was at Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Pioneer Valley, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

**Muriel J. Akalis**

Muriel J. Akalis, 58, of Agawam died Friday, December 15th in her home. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Mrs. Akalis has lived in Agawam for the past 32 years.

She worked in the Health Care field as a Health Aid in the Agawam area for five years. She was a graduate of Warren High School in Rhode Island, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Springfield, where she held many offices for the Women's Auxillary and children's groups.

Mrs. Akalis leaves her mother and father, Alexandria and Emile Lavallee of Warren, Rhode Island; two sons, John J. Sweeney, Jr. of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania and Daniel P. Akalis of Agawam; two daughters, Patricia A. Venne of Springfield and Judi L. Weston of Holyoke; a brother, Charles F. Picard of Santa Rosa, California; three sisters, Cecile A. Nystrom of Boston, Estelle F. Earls of Warren, Rhode Island, and Susan M. Rodrigues of Warren; and six grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her son, Brian P. Sweeney. The funeral was held in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Springfield. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Missionary Fund, 376 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01105.

## Rep. Keenan Lauds Reduction In 1996 Auto Insurance Rates

Rep. Daniel F. Keenan has applauded the recently announced rate reduction for auto owners in Massachusetts. The 4.5% rate reduction was announced on December 14, 1995 by Insurance Commissioner Linda Ruthardt.

Rep. Keenan hopes to maintain the momentum gained last year when the overall average rate dropped by 6.12%. The decrease was attributed to several factors, including the new tougher drunk driving law, a \$6 billion transportation bond authorization, and the dispersal of \$300 million in highway monies.

The latter two items reduce accidents by improving roads, bridges, and intersections which are outdated and dangerous. All these combine to reduce the number of accidents and, therefore, property damage, bodily injury, and fatalities.

Just as important, according to Rep. Keenan, have been the efforts to crack down on fraud in the system. Individual insurance companies, with the help of a 1990 law, have formed the Insurance Fraud Bureau.

The only privately funded insurance fraud bureau in the nation, this entity has experienced initial success in its anti-fraud programs, and its investigations have resulted in over 250 indictments of insurance fraud.

Commenting on the Insurance Fraud Bureau, Rep. Keenan said, "To their credit, the insurance industry has finally heard our calls to get tough on fraud by establishing a vehicle to work with the appropriate state authorities to root out fraud and, in turn, reduce costs."

"While I am encouraged at the inroads our cost-control attempts have achieved, auto insurance bills remain far too high for Massachusetts drivers. We will continue our efforts in the Legislature to enact pro-consumer insurance reforms," concluded Rep. Keenan.

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## Families

### Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP To Next Meet On January 22nd

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter 4915 of AARP **WILL NOT** hold a meeting in the month of December. We wish all of our members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Our next meeting in January will be a Winter Festival Luncheon on January 22, 1996 at Storrowton Tavern, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. Social hour will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The choice of menu will be boneless breast of chicken, broiled Boston scrod, or Yankee pot roast, and will include appetizer, coffee, and dessert.

The price is \$13 per person, and this includes tax and gratuity. For reservations, call Rose Paro at 786-5797 or Ruth Pieper at 786-8335. Tickets must be paid by January 18th.

Anyone who is a member of the National AARP is invited to attend. Chapter members may bring guests.

Come join us in this festive occasion!

### Turnverein Slates New Year's Eve Party

A Gala New Year's Eve Party will be held on December 31st at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

A prime rib dinner will be served from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Coffee and Danish pastry will be served at midnight. Hats and noisemakers will be available. Dancing will be to "The After Hours."

For more information and to make reservations, please call the Club at 786-0924 or Christa Strehl at 786-0143. Deadline for reservations is December 26th.

Make plans now to enjoy the coming New Year with your friends. Guests are most welcome.

### Kiley Family Has Third Child, Sheila

Paul and Anna (Greguoli) Kiley of Pittsfield, Mass. are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Sheila Christine, born November 13th at 8:08 a.m. at Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield.

She weighed eight pounds, five ounces and was 22 inches long. Sheila was welcomed home by her two brothers, Daniel Paul (age 9) and Patrick John (age 3).

Maternal grandparents are John and Anna Greguoli of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Mike Kiley of Stoughton, Mass. and Mary Joyce Calnan of Plano, Texas. Sheila's great-grandmother is Margery Calnan of Helena, Montana.



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### Golden Agers Chapter I Hold Christmas Party



THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGERS (Chapter I) held their Annual Christmas Party on December 13th at Chez Josef. TOP PHOTO, from left - Norma Brusseau, Dorothy Brusseau, Angie Nicora, and Paul Brusseau. PHOTO BELOW pictured are event hostesses Loretta Wright, Dolores Gatti, and Rose Paro. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Carrie A. Finck Weds Jonathan R. Fisk

Carrie Anne Finck, daughter of Patrick and Marsha Finck of 17 Althea Circle, Agawam, recently exchanged wedding vows with Jonathan R. Fisk at St. Theresa's Church in Agawam. Parents of the bridegroom are Rodney and Elaine Fisk of Longmeadow.

Stacy Thompson attended the bride as maid of honor. Gregory Collins served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Elms College. She is currently working for the Town of Longmeadow, in their extended school day program.

Her husband graduated from Longmeadow High School and Western New England College. He is a manager at The Bottle Shop, Inc., Longmeadow.

The couple plan to make their home in Agawam.



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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, December 25th:** Senior Center closed (Christmas Day).

**Tuesday, December 26th:** Pork cutlet with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, Canadian oat bread, applesauce with raisins.

**Wednesday, December 27th:** Quiche, baked stuffed potato, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat bread, Black Forest brownie.

**Thursday, December 28th:** Beef barley soup, chunky chicken salad on roll, tossed salad, pineapple chunks.

**Friday, December 29th:** Baked fish, rice Pilaf, mixed vegetables, rye bread, canned peaches.

**Monday, January 1st:** Senior Center closed (New Year's Day).

**Tuesday, January 2nd:** Chicken supreme, potato puffs, acorn squash, Canadian oat bread, pineapple chunks.

**Wednesday, January 3rd:** Pork ham, mashed potatoes, peas, whole wheat bread, baked apple.

**Thursday, January 4th:** Pea soup, pizza (cheese, pepperoni, hamburger), tossed salad, canned apricots.

**Friday, January 5th:** Seafood casserole, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, rye bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Anthony M. Wojcik Reports For USAF Basic Training

Anthony M. Wojcik has been recruited by the United States Air Force and reported to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, December 7th.

Wojcik, son of Michael and Lynn Wojcik of Agawam and grandson of Walter and Adele Kisiel of Holyoke, is a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School.

## Jr. Women Sponsor Breakfast With Santa

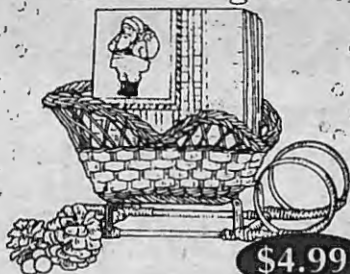


MR. & MRS. SANTA CLAUS and their elf helper attended a pancake breakfast at the Agawam High School sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club on December 3rd. The kids on Santa's lap are Katherine and Matthew House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ATTENDING THE RECENT BREAKFAST WITH SANTA sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club (right photo) are members of the Gozzi Family - Joe and Sydney (dad & mom), and children Michela and Nina; IN PHOTO LEFT, members of the Sotolotto Family are pictured - Anthony (dad), Anthony (standing behind mom & dad), Lauren, Emily (mom), and Gisele. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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# Owner Of Parthenon Restaurant Continues To Be Sponsor Of Town Hall's Christmas Lights

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

As a member of the Beautification Committee, Town Councilor George Bitzas has gotten used to asking business owners and town residents for their help in improving the town's appearance.

What he isn't used to is having a businessman complain that he hadn't been asked for a donation. But that's exactly what happened when Bitzas ran into his friend, Leonidas Pananas, owner of the Parthenon Restaurant.

Last year, Pananas kicked off the Beautification Committee's effort at bringing a festive air to the town during the holiday season with the donation of \$100 to purchase lights to decorate the trees in front of Town Hall.

This year, Pananas and his wife, Carol, have doubled their commitment to the town's holiday look, and they plan to continue to increase their efforts each year.

"Louie (Panas) surprised me by telling me we hadn't come to him this year," Bitzas said. "He said he wants to adopt the Town Hall and be responsible for the holiday decorations there each year."



STANDING IN FRONT OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE at Town Hall with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (left) and Town Planner Deborah Dachos (right) are Beautification Committee members Zofia Demko, Helen Lawrenchuk, and George Bitzas (member of Town Council as well). Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Beautification Committee Chairwoman Zoafia Demko said the town Christmas tree, a 35-foot blue spruce donated by Mr. and Mrs. Zerbopoulos of Agawam, is the largest the town has ever had and is drawing rave reviews from the townspeople.

A 35-year member of the committee, Mrs. Demko said their projects to improve the town have come more to the forefront in the last few years, as the committee has shifted from relying solely on its members and has been actively seeking support from businesses and residents.

"We have new people who are anxious to see things improved," Mrs. Demko said.

Panas said he and his wife wanted to give something back to the town where they have operated their restaurant for more than 10 years.

"I make my business from the town, and this is a way to bring the holiday spirit to everyone," Pananas said. "I was broke when I came here, but now if I have a few dollars, I like to help if I can."

Driving their son to basketball practice at the Middle School gives Mrs. Pananas the chance to appreciate the festive look her business has helped bring to the Town Hall.

"It looks beautiful," Mrs. Pananas said. "I love this town. The people are fabulous. I wanted to improve the town, and we're doing the best we can. The spirit of Christmas is giving and it's great to be able to give."

In addition to celebrating the holidays with their family's Greek traditions focusing on family values, the couple plans to add the tradition of adopting the Town Hall each year.

"What we did last year wasn't good enough," Pananas said. "This year it's better, and next year we can do even more."

### Beautification Committee Is Grateful...

Bitzas said the Beautification Committee is grateful to the Parthenon not only for the Christmas decorations, but for the two planters they donated to improve the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets.

Bitzas said the Beautification Committee is hoping other businesses and residents will join the effort to bring the town together in a spirit of giving and sharing, especially during the holiday season.

"This is a beginning," Bitzas said. "Next year, we're hoping to illuminate the trees on the side of Town Hall, and we'd like to do something on Main Street with all the historic buildings."



THE BIG CHRISTMAS TREE on the front lawn of Town Hall is a pleasing sight to passing motorists and pedestrians.

In addition to the lighting display at Town Hall, the Beautification Committee worked with the Anne Sullivan Memorial Fund and the Granger School PTO to arrange for a lighting display at Feeding Hills Center.

Bitzas said the committee owed special thanks to the Anne Sullivan Memorial Fund, the Call Firefighters, and Berkshire Power for donations to the Christmas lighting fund.

"We're asking any Agawam business or resident to join us with their ideas or with donations for next year's display," Bitzas said. "Donations in any amount can be sent to Town Hall in care of the Beautification Committee's Christmas Light Fund."

Also in the works as a fundraiser for the Beautification Committee is a holiday greeting card featuring a color photo of the Town Hall decked out for the holidays.

"We're in the process of looking for a printer," Mrs. Demko said. "We'll be looking locally, but we would prefer to do business with someone from Agawam."

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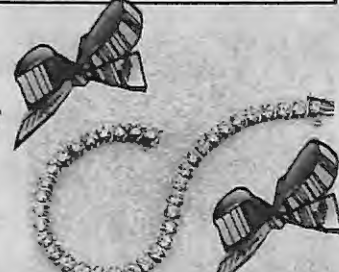
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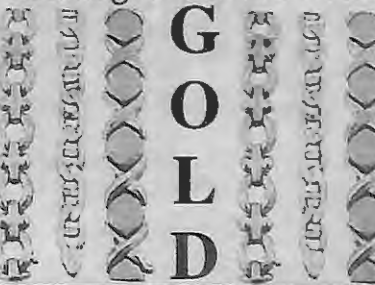
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## Stop & Shop Donates To Junior Women's Holiday Baskets Prog.

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The Holiday Baskets program gives food to families (and individuals) in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Christmas, the children also receive clothes and toys. All the recipients are residents of Agawam/Feeding Hills.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.



KAREN E. STUART

## Karen E. Stuart To Wed Robert Cree

Mrs. Mary Jane Stuart of Agawam announces the engagement of her daughter, Karen E. Stuart, to Robert Cree of Braintree, MA.

A February wedding is planned.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield College with a bachelor's degree in medical rehabilitation. She is a personal care attendant in Brookline.

Her fiancé graduated from Quincy Vocational Technical High School. He is a Deputy Sheriff in Boston and a sergeant in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

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**Tuesday, January 2nd:** 12:30 p.m. Movie of the week.

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**Wednesday, January 3rd:** 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment).

**Wednesday, January 3rd:** 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 2.

**Friday, January 5th:** 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening (no appointment).

**Friday, January 5th:** 1:00 p.m. Pitch game (open to all).

## Agawam/West Side Toastmasters To Meet Thursday, Dec. 28th

The next meeting of the Agawam/West Side Toastmasters will take place on Thursday, December 28th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Country Estates Nursing Home (Route 75), Agawam.

Please park in rear of building. Call 786-6920 or 789-1366 for more information.

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MR. &amp; MRS. NICHOLAS LASCALA

## Debra I. Bolduc Weds Nicholas W. Lascala

Debra Ida Bolduc and Nicholas Wayne Lascala were recently married at The D'Amours Chapel in Somers, CT.

The bride is the daughter of Raymond Bolduc of Franklin, MA, and Philomena Bolduc of Agawam. The parents of the bridegroom are Gloria Lascala and the late Melvin Lascala of Feeding Hills.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was her sister, Nancy Loubier. Eric Young served as best man to the bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of Holyoke Community College. She is employed as an R.N. at Holyoke Hospital Birthing Center.

Her husband, a graduate of Agawam High School, is employed by the Town of Agawam.

The happily married couple will reside in Feeding Hills.



THE BROWN BOYS, KEVEN &amp; EREK

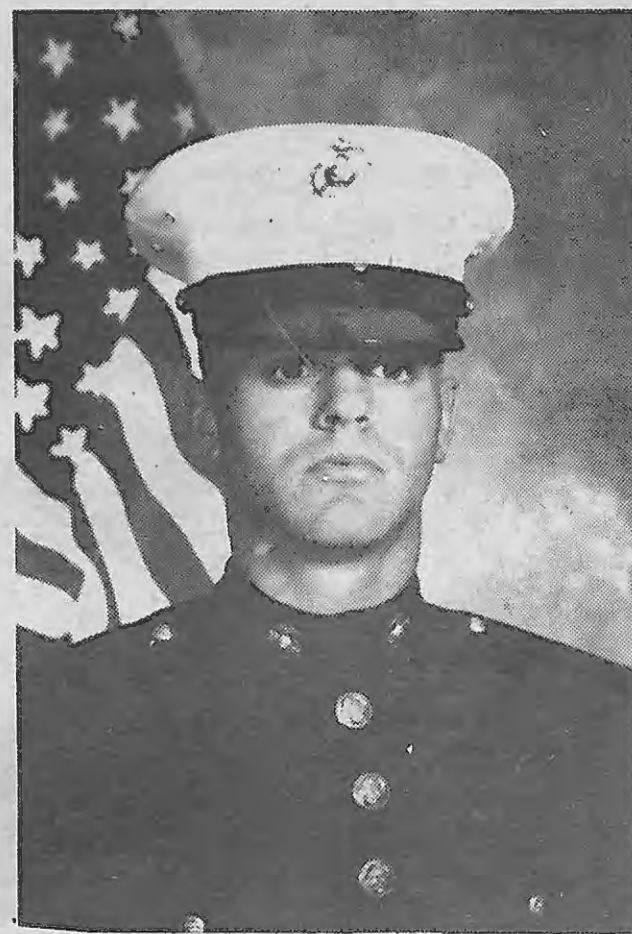
## Big Brother Keven Welcomes Baby Ereka For Brown Family

James K. and Nancy T. Brown proudly announce the birth of their second son, Ereka Mark Brown, who was born on October 4, 1995.

Ereka weighed eight pounds, nine ounces. Among those who welcomed him home was his big brother, Keven.

The baby's maternal grandparents are John and Millie Gormley of Westfield. The paternal grandparents are Noel and Dorothy Brown of Feeding Hills.

Ereka was also welcomed by many aunts and uncles and 18 cousins.



PFC. ELISHA DAVID COOK

## Pfc. Elisha D. Cook Completes Marine Corps Recruit Training

Pfc. Elisha David Cook, son of David and Barbara Delancey of 25 Melrose Place, Agawam, recently completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina.

A 1995 graduate of Agawam High School, Cook enlisted in the Marine Corps in October of 1994. Currently on leave, he is assisting his recruiter, Sgt. Kenneth Jones, whose office is located in Springfield, MA at 1550 Main Street, Room 112.

On December 28, 1995, Cook will depart for Camp LeJeune in North Carolina for further training in the motor transport maintenance occupational specialty.

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## Golden Agers Chapt. 2 Enjoy Christmas Party At Chez Josef

The Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter 2, held their Christmas party on Wednesday, December 6th, at Chez Josef in Agawam.

A total of 180 town seniors were beautifully dressed for the holiday season and gathered at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy egg nog and cheese and crackers, followed by a delicious meal a la Chez Josef.

In addition to the delicious food and refreshments, the seniors relished singing all the well-known Christmas songs. Furthermore, Santa was on hand to give every senior in attendance a "Cross" pen. (Sorry, Mr. Claus didn't have any Barbie dolls!)

President Louis Scherpa and his committee deserve a big hand for planning this event.



THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter 2 held their Annual Christmas Party on December 6th at Chez Josef. IN TOP PHOTO are members (back row) John Greguoli, Charles Buoniconti, and Vinton Gregory. Seated - Anna Greguoli, Patricia Buoniconti, Helen Bye, Dora Dawson, and Gwen Gregory. IN PHOTO BELOW are more members of the Golden Agers who attended the Annual Christmas Party. Top row - Ed Barako, Earl Rivers, Robert Rivers, and Linda Gacona. Front row - Janice Barako, Barbara Rivers, Jessie Rivers, and Yolanda Silvestri. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL O'CONNELL

## Julie Frasco Bride Of Michael O'Connell

Julie Frasco and Michael O'Connell exchanged wedding vows on Friday, November 3, 1995 at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Parents of the bride are Richard and Rose Frasco of Agawam. The groom is the son of Michael and Ann O'Connell, also of Agawam.

Gina Frasco attended her sister as maid-of-honor. Paul Chevalier served as the best man.

The bride is a claims representative for ManagedComp in Springfield.

The groom is an electrician for the I.B.E.W. Local No. 7.

For their honeymoon, the bride and groom went to Disney World in Florida. They couple now resides in Feeding Hills.



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## Jr. Women's Club Still Has Ornaments Available For Sale

The Agawam Junior Women's Club has its 1995 holiday ornament on sale now. This year's ornament is a fifth in a series featuring historical sites in Agawam/Feeding Hills.

This year's ornament features "American Beauty" from M.C. Illions Carousel, circa 1909, located at Riverside Park.

The ornament is a molded pewter medallion of "American Beauty," surrounded by a pewter wreath. The donation is \$5. Proceeds will be used for community service projects.

There are a limited number of past ornaments available as well. Please call Pam at 789-3274 or Betty to inquire. Ornaments are available at the Feeding Hills Public Market, the Agawam Public Market, Surprise! Card & Gift, and The Corner Deli.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

*Please remember  
that our next  
deadline is Tuesday,  
January 2nd at noon-  
time.*

## Golden Ager Elated About Christmas Party



MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE for the December 6th Christmas Party of the Agawam Golden Ager Club Chapter II were, from left - Edward Grimes, reservations; Edwin Arnold, ticket sales; Kathleen Arnold, ticket sales; Virginia Lake, entertainment; Alice Bishop, general chairwoman; and William Bishop, general chairman. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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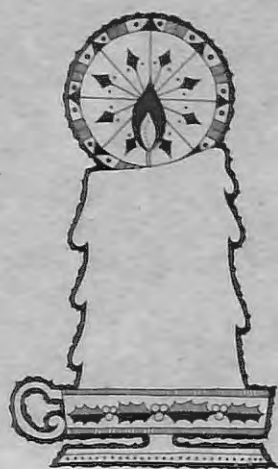
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MR. & MRS. TODD R. DAVIES

## Jessica A. Giordano Weds Mr. Davies In Norwich, Conn.

Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich, Connecticut was the setting for the October 27th marriage of Jessica Ann Giordano and Todd R. Davies.

The bride is the daughter of Roy and Jean Giordano of Robin Lane, Feeding Hills. The groom is the son of Thomas Davies of West Haven, Connecticut and Angele Davies of Gales Ferry, Connecticut.

The 4:00 p.m. ceremony was performed by Father Joseph Tito with a reception held at the Ramada Inn in Norwich, Connecticut.

Serving as maid-of-honor was Jamie Giordano of Feeding Hills, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Joanna Seidel of Warwick, Rhode Island, sister of the bride, Stephanie Davies of Gales Ferry, sister of the groom, Ann Anson of Brewster, Washington, Kim Satkowski of Washington, D.C., and Denise Byrne of Feeding Hills.

Serving as best man was Lincoln Dyer of Gales Ferry. Ushers were Christopher Davies of Gales Ferry, brother of the groom, Mark Smith of Waltham, Massachusetts, Patrick Consalini of Gales Ferry, Eric Lambert of Danbury, Connecticut, and Shawn Smith of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The couple honeymooned in Ocho-Rios and Montego Bay, Jamaica and now reside in Uncasville, Connecticut.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and attended Holyoke Community College. She is employed as a marketing representative at the Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Ledyard, CT.

The groom graduated from Ledyard High School and the University of Connecticut with a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration. He is employed as concierge shift manager at the Foxwoods Resort Casino.



BABY ISAAC MARK BARTHOLOMEW

## "Live Nativity Scene" To Take Place At Covenant Church

Covenant Community Church, located at 112 Amostown Road in West Springfield, will be holding a "Live Nativity Scene" with animals on Saturday, December 23rd, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and on Sunday, December 24th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

This year, Covenant Community Church is asking people to bring non-perishable food items to be left in designated boxes at the Nativity. These items will be donated to the Open Pantry, an organization that ministers to needy families.

What a good way for you to give during the Christmas season!

**FOR GLOSSY COPIES of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at 789-0053.**

## Bartholomews Have New Baby Boy, Issac

Mark and Rebecca Bartholomew of Chicopee, MA would like to announce the birth of their son, Isaac Mark, born November 21st at 6:26 p.m. He weighed in at eight pounds, seven ounces.

Isaac is the grandson of Mr. Roger Roy of West Springfield, Mrs. Jeanne Ryer of Chicopee, Mr. Mark Bartholomew of Enfield, CT, and Mrs. Joan Lussier of Agawam.

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# Church News



## Timeless Truth For Today...

by Roger Martin, Pastor  
Agawam Church  
Of The Bible  
(786-7908)

### Making Christmas Personal

On April 19th of this year, my mother got a call at her Georgia home from a friend, telling her to turn on her television. Images of a bombed Federal building in Oklahoma City filled the screen. It was a troubling story to be sure, but it was miles away from where she lived; it was disturbing, but distant.

A phone call a couple of days later, however, brought news that the bombing would personally touch her world. Her closest cousin, Jean, whom she was planning to visit a few weeks later, was missing. A simple note in her Oklahoma City home read, "Social Security Office—Wednesday—9:00 a.m."

Suddenly, the story on the television and radio took on an entirely different importance for my Mom. Once a news story; it was now her story. On Wednesday, she was merely curious; on Friday, she was captivated. Same story ... a whole new view.

A very similar thing happens with the Christmas "story." Every December we are bombarded with music and images of a little baby born in a barn to a poor family in Israel. Most of us have heard that angels sang when this baby was born, and that shepherds and wise men came to check this baby out.

### Agawam United Methodist Church Slates Three Services On Christmas Eve

On Sunday, December 24th, the Agawam United Methodist Church will hold a Worship Service at 9:30 a.m., as well as a traditional Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m. and a Christmas Communion Service at 11:00 p.m.

These Christmastime services provide an opportunity for Christians to renew a close relationship with Christ as His birth is celebrated.

It's a touching story to be sure, but it took place miles away from Massachusetts. But a quick word from the Bible gives the "story" a very different meaning. In Matthew 1, an angel tells Joseph that Mary "will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name of Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (NIV)

This sheds a whole new light on the announcement of the angels, in Luke 2, that Jesus has been born. Note their words: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord." (NIV)

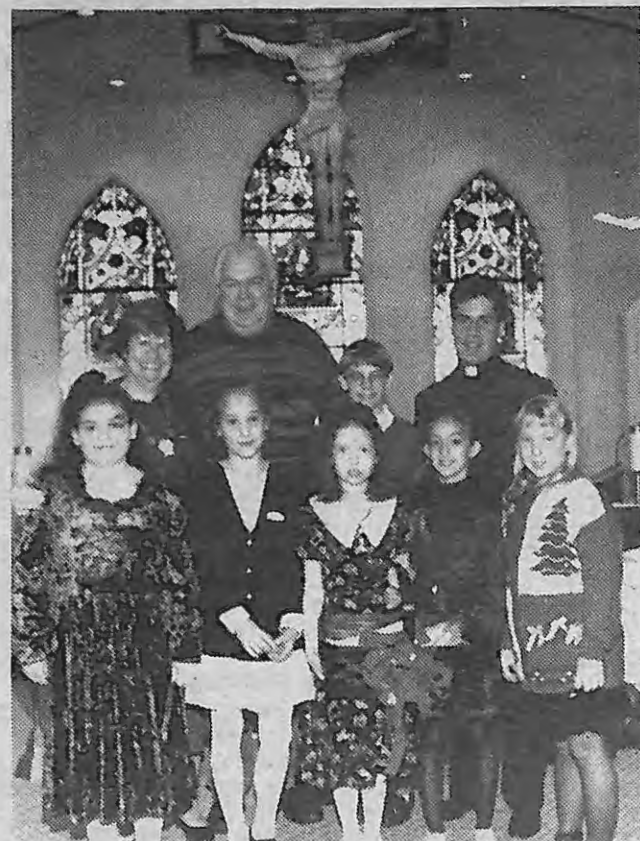
Did you know that when Jesus was born 2000 years ago, he was thinking about you? Karen Carpenter had it right on her Christmas album when she sang, "God's only son came to set the world free; born of God's love and he came here for me." Literally, Jesus came to earth for you ... and for me.

Do you see how this changes the celebration of Christmas? It is not just a distant story from history; it is your story. Jesus came to forgive your sins and mine, to change your world and mine. I celebrate Christmas with a special kind of joy and enthusiasm because I have made it personal, and you can, too.

Making Christmas personal is as simple as receiving a gift. God described how it happens in John 1:11-12—"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet, to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

Believing and receiving means trusting that Jesus is the only solution for your sins and giving your life over to the One who gave it to you in the first place. If I could choose one gift to receive this year, it would be that everyone reading his words would receive the gift of Christmas and make the celebration personal. Joy to your World.

### St. John's Event



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Religious Education students attended a children's lessons and carol service on December 16th. Pictured here are students who did the scripture readings and special guests - Paul Sutton, Father Jack Sheaffer, and Mary Pat Clark (program director). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## In Times Of Disappointment...

Have you ever noticed that things don't always go as you had hoped or expected? In times of disappointment or despair, have we ever wondered about what God is up to? How many of us have found our faith challenged by the seeming disparity between the good things we expect from God and the reality of our lives?

We hear stories of what God has done for someone else, but sometimes we feel like we are "out of the loop" with God, and it doesn't seem fair. At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of the Savior, but we might also have nagging reservations about Him. If that's your story, take heart, you're not alone.

In Matthew's Gospel, we read that "when John (the Baptist) heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask Him, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'" These are the words of a person whose whole purpose in life had been to introduce the Savior to the world.

Even before John was born, an angel had told his parents that their son would have a unique life's mission. No doubt, all through John's growing up years his parents told him time and again how special he was. As an adult, John was a prophet who lived in the desert.

Yet, when the events of John's life went against him, he became discouraged and had some doubts about Jesus. He probably wondered how it could be that Jesus was truly the Savior whom he had been commissioned to introduce, and now here he was languishing in prison. Just like we are prone to do, John was discouraged by the seeming disparity between God's greatness and his own personal experience.

It is not difficult to understand how John could become discouraged, maybe because the same thing can so easily happen to us. Perhaps John forgot, as we sometimes do, that God is working on a major project in this world, which is not yet completed.

The Bible tells us that the first phase of that project was to establish the Kingdom of God, which occurred at the incarnation. That's the First Noel, a wonderful event in history. Once established, the Kingdom of God is being built. It is being built among us. God invites each person to be part of His Kingdom.

The Bible says, "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." Once that happens, the Kingdom is built within us.

That is a process which takes time. We are encouraged by the Scripture to "consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

We are also reminded to "be patient, then, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You, too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."

This brings us to the third phase of God's project, when the Kingdom of God is completed. That will occur when Jesus Christ returns in glory. There was an event in history when the Savior first appeared as a Baby in a manger, but there is also a "sequel" coming, and it promises to be a blockbuster!

Jesus' message to John was "the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor," a quote from Isaiah 35. He was saying to John, "Hang in there, even though right now it's tough. I really am the One you thought I was."

As we look forward to His second coming, may God bless us all that Jesus' First Noel would have its full effect in our lives.

This Week At  
St. David's Church

"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD." (Luke 2:11).

**On Sunday, December 24th, The Fourth Sunday In Advent** at 10:45 we will gather for "The Greening Of The Nave" in preparation for our evening services. **Christmas Eve** will be observed by two services of Holy Communion. The Family Service with the Children's Christmas Pageant and Child Care at 5:00 p.m., and the Candlelight Service at 11:00 p.m. All services will be held at the Church Building at 522 Springfield Street this Sunday. Come **Celebrate Our Savior's Birth on Christmas Day**, 9:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, with a brief service and hymns.

**Wednesday, December 27th**

**7:00 p.m.** Advent Study Series continues, as we consider "Jesus, Then and Now." Join us as we continue to look at some of the miracles of Jesus. Child care is available.

**Thursday, December 28th**

**9:30 a.m.** Women's Bible Study with child care available.

**11:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST** - Heritage Hall East, please join us as we celebrate Holy Communion with our friends. Children are especially encouraged to come.

**7:00 p.m. Healing Service**, particularly focusing on children that are ill, abused, or have died. This coincides with the commemoration of the "Holy Innocents," children killed by King Herod in his efforts to kill Jesus.

**Saturday, December 30th and 31st - Lessons and Carols Eucharists**

We will feature Lessons and Carol singing in the tradition of the Church of England. The Sunday 10:00 a.m. service will be held at the Middle School "family style" for worshippers of all ages. Celebrate the **NEW YEAR'S EVE EUCHARIST** in our Nave at 10:00 p.m. Ring out the old and in the new with our Lord Jesus.

**DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT**, focus on being ready for the arrival of our Lord in our world, and in our lives. "The Word Became Flesh..." (John 1:14). The Reverend Len Cowan continues a sermon series expounding the most profound statement of all times. December 23rd and 24th, "The Word of Hope"; December 24th Candlelight Service, "The Word of Life"; and December 25th, 9:00 a.m., "The Word of Glory." Join us weekly through Christmas for "The Word" at St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, (413) 786-6133.

Agawam Church Of The Bible Schedules  
Hallelujah Chorus For Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24th), the Agawam Church of the Bible will be holding a special morning service at 10:00 a.m. featuring music and readings. An annual Christmas Eve tradition will be included—the singing of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.

This service, which will take place at the

Agawam Junior High School, is scheduled to conclude around 11:00 a.m. with Christmas refreshments.

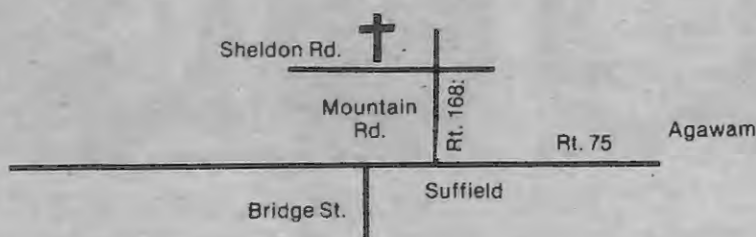
The Agawam Church of the Bible welcomes community residents to join them for this Christmas Eve service. For more information, please call 789-2904.

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## Church News - continued...

F.H. Congregational  
Helps The Needy

At this time of year, everyone looks back and reflects on the year just ending. So it is with the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

One of the things we look back on every year with exceptional pride—yet humbly realizing how lucky we are—is how well we serve the less fortunate in our community.

We are a small congregation—we have only about 150 members. Yet every year, we actively support the Open Pantry. Consider what we have done this year alone: every month we averaged \$200 in outright food and clothing donations.

In addition, each month we prepared and served one meal for 60 people. A portion of our tip money from the Big E was donated as well.

This holiday season, the Ladies Benevolent Society made and delivered 45 dozen cookies for the children's Christmas party. The members also contributed 10 complete personal care bags full of toiletries. At our children's Christmas party, many families brought gifts to be given to the children at the Open Pantry.

Every year, FHCC actively participates in the West Springfield/Agawam CROP Walk, usually winning the award for raising the most money. This year was no different. We raised a total of \$2,721 out of the two-town total of \$9,800.

Our children also participate in our community mission work. They visited and helped serve food each month at the Springfield Rescue Mission. This year they raised enough money just by collecting empty bottles and cans to buy and donate much-needed paper plates, cups, etc. For the holiday season, they baked food and brought gifts to local shut-ins.

So you see, a church doesn't have to be large and wealthy to be rich. The Feeding Hills Congregational Church is a small, warm, family- and community-oriented congregation that is very rich in its Christian ethics.

The Feeding Hills Congregational Church is located at 21 North Westfield Street (next to Dunkin' Donuts) in the center of Feeding Hills. We welcome you to join us Sunday mornings. Our Christian education classes (for adults and children) are held at 9:00 a.m.; worship service is at 10:00 a.m. Come see how a small church can have a very big heart!

Sacred Heart Church  
Christmas Events

The Christmas Mass Schedule for Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills is as follows:

**Sunday, Dec. 24th:** 4:00 p.m., Vigil Mass; 5:30 p.m., Children's Mass

**Monday, Dec. 25th:** 12:00, Midnight Mass; 7:30 a.m., Mass at Dawn; 9:00 a.m., Mass During the Day; 11:00 a.m., Mass During the Day

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON

The Family/Youth Group has rescheduled for Saturday, December 23rd to give children a chance to participate in a craft morning in the parish center.

We will be on hand from 10:00 a.m. to noon to help your child make handmade Christmas crafts. We have many projects planned that we are sure will please everyone.

If your child is in kindergarten or older and would like to be involved with this event, *reservations are required by December 21st*. Please call Beth at 786-0158 or Alma at 786-9385. **ALL students must re-register.**

The cost for this craft afternoon is only a \$1 per child (not to exceed \$3 per family). A snack will be provided.

## Sports

Come check out the fun and excitement of the Springfield Falcons hockey team vs. the Worcester Icecats on Saturday, January 20, 1996 at 7:35 p.m.

Cost of the tickets is \$9 for adults and \$5.50 for all those 18 and under.

Tickets **must be purchased** in advance by contacting Family/Youth member Brenda McDade at 786-1545.

The **deadline** for purchasing tickets is January 12, 1996.

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Weekly Calendar From  
Ag. Congregational

Sunday, December 24th, is Christmas Eve. There will be a 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at Agawam Congregational Church, and Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "Name Him Jesus" taken from Text: Matthew 1:20-23; the Children's Message will be "A Very Special Day."

There will be a Christmas Pageant at 5:00 p.m. — "The Christmas Scene Revisited," presented by the Church School under the direction of Sue Tapply and Dean Burst. Eleanor Toussaint, the Minister of Music Emeritus, will be the organist.

The Candlelight Service will be at 11:00 p.m. Rev. Fuller's sermon title for this service is "For to You is Born a Savior" from Text: Luke 2:10-14.

The Advent Candle of Joy will be lit by the Bertagnolli family—David, Stephanie, Alexandra, and Clair—at the 10:30 a.m. service; at the 5:00 p.m. service, the LeFebvre family—Neal, Judy, Amanda, and Brittany—will light the Advent Candle; and at the 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, the Toussaint family—Eleanor, Barry, and Nancy—will light the Advent Candle.

The playgroup continues each Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Playgroup will break from December 27th (when school is on Christmas vacation) and resume on Wednesday, January 3, 1996.

Infants through pre-school are eligible to attend the playgroups. Anyone interested can call Sue Tapply at 786-1430.

The Pageant Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Pageant Service is Saturday, December 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. in the church.

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Church News - continued...

## Christmas Eve Services At Ag. First Baptist

"Preparing the Way" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon for the Christmas Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Special Christmas anthems will be offered by the Choir. We will be led in our responsive reading by Jean Goss. The fourth advent candle with be lighted.

The sanctuary is fully decorated with a poinsettia tree and other greens to enhance the worship experience. As usual, coffee and conversation will be held immediately following worship.

At 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, Christmas Eve will be celebrated with the traditional service of worship with music, drama, and readings.

You are invited to come and share in both these events, celebrating the birthday of Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday, December 26th, at 4:30 p.m., our people will serve at Loaves and Fishes, providing the evening meal for the homeless in Springfield.

The youth of the church, under the leadership of Youth Leader Tim Deik, will celebrate the coming of 1996 at the church on December 31st, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Special activities are planned to last until the New Year arrives.

## F.H. Congregational Has Christmas Services

Please celebrate Christ's birth with us this Sunday at Feeding Hills Congregational Church at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

This week, a special Family Worship Service begins at 10:00 a.m. There will also be an evening Candlelight Service which will begin at 11:00 p.m. Nursery care will be provided.

The Mitten Tree in Griswold Hall will be up until the end of December. The cold weather has really emphasized the need for warm hats, mittens, and scarfs during this season.

Please remember those who could use a warming gift as you do your holiday shopping.

Rev. Donaldson will be on vacation from Christmas Day until New Year's Day. Rev. Ann Hallstein will be our guest preacher next Sunday.

The office will be closed on December 26th.

On the calendar this week:

**Sunday, December 24th:** 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 11:00 p.m., Evening Worship.

**Monday, December 25th:** *Happy Birthday, Jesus!*

**Tuesday, December 26th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Wednesday, December 27th:** 7:00 p.m., Choir.

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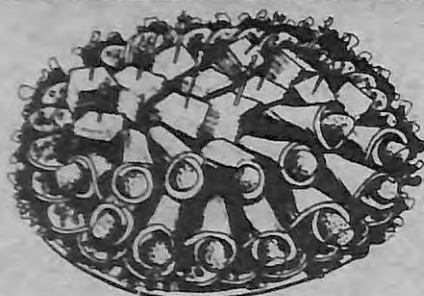
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## Spotlight On Business

### Wayne's World Now Open For Area Golfers

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Wayne Leal of Cambridge Street and Tom McElligott of Elizabeth Street, Feeding Hills, are partners and owners of **WAYNE'S WORLD OF GOLF**, which opened for business on October 1st in the Galleria Shopping Center, 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

They strive to offer Agawam residents a full line of golf supplies, including custom clubs, lessons on video, club repairs, and discount golf supplies. They are among young Agawam men (in their 20's) who have become business entrepreneurs on their home turf.

Both men's interest in golf grew at Agawam Country Club and as nourished by their families. Wayne's dad took him along when he played golf at the local golf course. Wayne also played with his brothers, Rick and Keith, worked as a green's keeper, and was the pro at Agawam Country Club from 1990 to 1994 when the town bought the club. He works as the pro at Longhi's Driving Range in Southwick, giving lessons and teaching clinics.

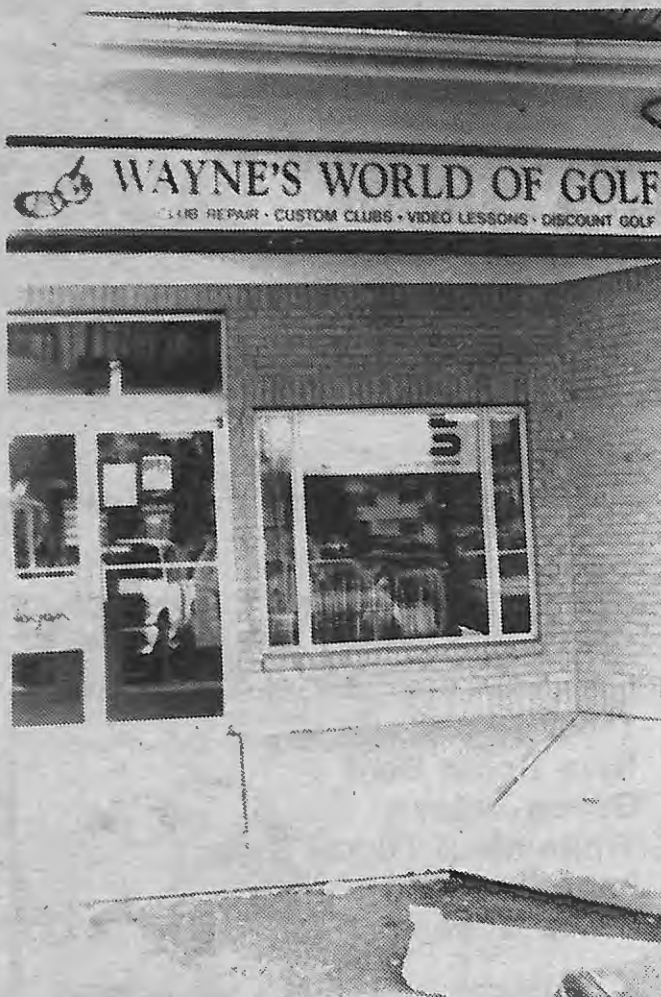
Tom has been playing for only six years, often with his brother, Chris, and the Leals. Both men graduated from Agawam High School (Wayne in 1986 and Tom in 1989). Wayne attended Westfield State College and graduated from Salem State, and Tom attended Westfield State, Holyoke Community College, and the University of Massachusetts. He also worked with the crew at the Agawam Country Club. In high school, he wrestled and was on the baseball team.

When one enters **Wayne's World**, he/she is assaulted with a display of good-looking clothing, jackets, sweaters, vests, tee-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc., as well as golf bags, balls, tees, and other attractive paraphernalia.

Looking up, there is a railing on the second floor separating the instruction area from the first-floor store.

Lessons are given individually by Wayne in front of a huge netting that stops the balls. The golfer's stance and swing are noted and measured by machinery, and corrected by Wayne. This is recorded on video, and the golfer is given the video to study further at home.

SEE WAYNE'S WORLD - Page 29...



**WAYNE'S WORLD OF GOLF** is located at 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills (Galleria Shops). **IN RIGHT PHOTO**, co-owner and golf pro Wayne Leal offers some pointers to customer Tony Orefice (holding the driver). The shop offers a full line of golf supplies, custom clubs, lessons on video, club repairs, and discount golf supplies. Leal and his partner, Tom McElligott, opened their business on October 1st. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...



**TOM MCELLIGOTT**, one of the owners of **Wayne's World of Golf**, says there is still time to come in and buy that special gift for the golfer in your life. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### WAYNE'S WORLD - from Page 28...

To the rear of the store is a small room where Wayne and Tom make custom clubs and repair or adjust used ones. Since some brands of clubs have become extremely expensive, Wayne said, many people are opting for custom clubs designed specifically for them (at a lower price).

Tom and Wayne both went to The Golf Works in Newark, Ohio, for an eight-day course on golf club repairing and custom-making.

Both men like to feel they are providing Agawam residents with everything they could want for golf in one place. **Wayne's World** is open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, and from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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by  
**John Schuler**  
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Following are a few suggestions for improving the environment both inside and outside your home. While some changes may seem to require expensive repairs or equipment purchases, such up-front costs should be balanced against the benefit of the everyday savings realized from the improvements.

Homes that have not been environmentally "proofed" can cost owners hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars over time. In addition, the ultimate cost of many of these initial improvements can be lessened by special tax credits and utility rebates enacted to encourage such action.

If you are currently planning to remodel, renovate, or prepare your home for resale, this is an ideal time to environmentally "upgrade" your property. A few simple changes will make your

SEE REAL ESTATE - Page 30...

## Linda Lewis Named For 15 Years Of Service

On December 11, 1995 at the Springfield Marriott, Linda Lewis was honored with the award of 15 years of continuous, uninterrupted membership with the Greater Springfield Association of Realtors.

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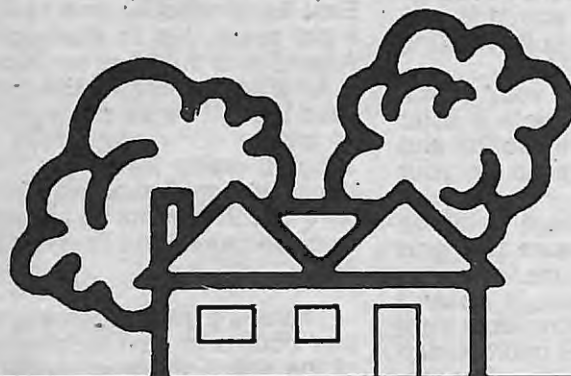
Besides the 15 years of continuous service, she has earned many designations such as GRI, CRS, and CRB. Plus, she has a BSE degree and five years of commercial and real estate banking experience.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

### REAL ESTATE - from Page 29...

residence more comfortable for your family and better for the environment. They will also increase your home's attractiveness to potential buyers when it's time to sell.

**Energy audit** - In most communities, the local utilities will be happy to provide you with a standard energy audit for little or no cost. An expert will inspect your home, then provide you with a list of common energy-wasters and environment-offenders. The typical energy audit will also assess the efficiency of your heating and cooling systems, insulation, joints, window frames, and water usage.

**Insulation** - Proper insulation can reduce monthly heating and cooling costs by up to 30 percent. With the various insulation products now widely available, you can easily upgrade your insulation systems without major disruption to your household. When reassessing your insulation needs, don't forget to include your pipes, duct work, and water heaters.

**Heating and cooling** - The advent of sophisticated new heating and air conditioning technologies has resulted in the availability of affordable units that are vastly more efficient than their predecessors.

**Solar heat** can also provide substantial cost savings if installed under proper conditions. If your system is more than 10 years-old, a consultation with a heating/air conditioning expert is probably in order to determine whether solar heating is right for your home.

An expert can assess whether your home design and roof style will accommodate a solar panel. They can also evaluate the feasibility and cost effectiveness of solar heat based on your home's location.

**Water use** - America's water usage is being forecasted to double between the years 1980 and 2000. Even if you live in a community that does not typically suffer from water shortage, it doesn't pay to waste this precious commodity. Most people are aware of changes that can be made in daily usage habits to save water; however, other factors that can often drain our water supply are less obvious. For example, a faucet that leaks one drop per second wastes an astonishing 2,400 gallons in one year.

An easy way to check for a leak is to record the reading on your water meter at night, after the day's water use has ended, and then take a second reading in the morning before turning on any faucets, showering, or using the toilet. An increased morning reading usually indicates the presence of a leak in your system. If the leak cannot be easily spotted, a phone call to your local plumber will be worth the initial expense.

Whether you are sprucing up your home to attract buyers, looking for ways to cut down on your energy bills, or just trying to do your part to take care of the world we share, improving your home's impact on the environment is truly an investment that will have a high return in the years to come.

Best local news...

## Handicap Awareness Has New Meaning For Bagel's Al Santos

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

"Handicapped Accessible" took on a new meaning for Al Santos, owner of **OLDE TOWN BAGEL SHOP**, 719 Main Street, Agawam Center, when breaking his leg resulted in confinement to a wheelchair.

Santos discovered first-hand that his entire restaurant is wheelchair-accessible because it has wide doors, lots of open floor space, and even the kitchen allows him to do his cooking and baking from a wheelchair.

If he didn't think a lot about this on May 8th when he opened the 1950's style bagel shop, he has since November 22nd when he was out scouting for hunting, stepped into a leaf-covered hole, and broke his leg at the knee. An energetic, active man, he hates being confined but admits that it could be worse.

A native of Springfield, Al went to school in East Longmeadow and has lived in Agawam for eight years. He is married to the former Patty Albano and they live on Debra Lane.

Al always thought the 1950's was a fun time, even though he said it was "before his time." He is partial to memorabilia from that era and secured many items for his restaurant at auctions, flea markets, and special sales. There is a juke box that holds 45 records, photos of Annette Funicello and Elvis Presley, poodle circular skirts, etc.

There is a lot of open space between the tables and booths in several dining rooms, reminiscent of the snack shops of the 50's where dancing was allowed to juke box music.

The day before Thanksgiving, Al recalled, he was scouting for deer in the woods when he stepped into a hole that was hidden by leaves, causing him to fall and break his knee. Luckily for him, he had his bow and arrow with him, and he used the bow and a tree branch as crutches to hobble 1½ miles out of the woods to his car.

His leg has been in a cast and he uses crutches and the wheelchair to get around the shop, where he does much of the cooking and baking. He expected to have the cast removed this week and a brace applied.

### Praising His Staff...

Al praises his staff for the way they have helped him. The shop is 2,000 square feet and much deeper than it appears from outside. Al learned the doors were wide enough for a wheelchair, and the ample space between tables and booths allowed him freedom to move around. In the kitchen, a few tables were moved to give him room to prepare food, cook, and bake.



AL SANTOS, owner of Olde Town Bagel in Agawam Center, is saddled in a wheelchair but doesn't let that stop him from his daily chores at the popular eatery. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The restaurant is called a bagel shop but sells much more. A full breakfast program was started three weeks ago and is served from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on weekends. It climaxed last weekend with "Breakfast with Santa Claus," and the man in red was on hand especially to enjoy the children. Store hours are Monday through Wednesday and Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"Business has been great," Al said. "We have done 30 percent more business than was projected." The store offers 11 kinds of bagels, danish, cakes and pies, hot and cold platters, and a dozen kind of sandwiches for sit-down or take-out. They deliver orders over \$6 and give seniors a 10 percent discount. Al makes pies and cakes to order.

Employed in construction for 10 years, Al previously worked with food at several places. He was influenced by his mother, the late Yolanda Santos, who worked with the Longmeadow School Department food program for 15 years.

Deep-sea fishing, especially off Watch Hill, Rhode Island, is one of Al's interests, and he worked with 12 to 14 year-olds in a Recreation Department youth football program for the past three years.

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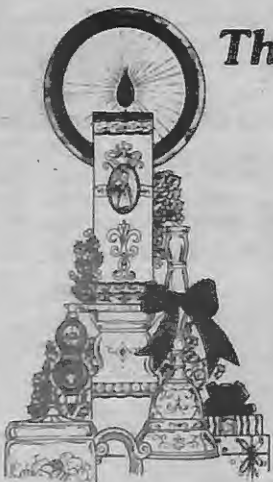
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## For Your Health

### Christmas Seal Gala Held At The Oaks

The Fifth Annual Christmas Seal Gala was held at the Oaks on Saturday, December 2, 1995. The event attracted over 250 people.

Honorary Christmas Seal Chairman David H. Mulligan, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, was recognized for his work in the health field in Massachusetts and particularly for the anti-smoking campaign throughout the state.

This event helped to kick off the 1995 Christmas Seal Campaign with a goal of \$140,000. The primary focus of the work of the American Lung Association will be asthma education and asthma awareness.

Emily Batch, the 13 year-old Christmas Seal Ambassador, also attended the event. Emily is a good example of how youngsters can control their asthma with proper management and education provided by the Lung Association.

### Stroke Support Group At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Stroke Support Group for people who have had a stroke will take place on Wednesday, January 3rd.

A Stroke Support Group for family members of stroke patients will take place on Wednesday, January 10th. Both support groups begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Bronson Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

On Wednesday, January 17th, a support group meeting for both people with strokes and their families will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Bronson Dining Room.

Refreshments will be served at all meetings. For more information or to register for one of the free support groups, call Karen Riedl, support group facilitator, at 572-5151.

### Fitness Director To Speak At Ag. Library

The Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper St. in Agawam, announces that Rick Hersom of the Fitness First Health and Fitness Center of Feeding Hills will speak on Wednesday, January 17, 1996 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the library's community room.

The topic of Mr. Hersom's speech will be "The Benefits of Exercise and the Components of a Good Exercise Program."

Anyone interested in registering for the speech can stop by the library or call 789-1550.



ATTENDING THE RECENT CHRISTMAS GALA for the American Lung Association were (TOP PHOTO, from left) - Fred Mudawar, Mario Sakellis, Emily Batch, David Mulligan, and Paul Fuller. PHOTO BELOW, from left - Dan & Nancy Molta, Bob & Gail Longo, Bruno & Paula Antico, Rene & Irene Thomas, and Ron & Leslie Tether. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Food for Thought

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### Proper Workplace Posture

The most common occupational injury of the 90's occurs to the employee sitting in a desk chair tapping away on a computer. Long hours spent staring at a computer screen can create headaches, neckaches, eyestrain, tendinitis, chronic fatigue, stress, carpal tunnel syndrome, and many other problems.

Small details as desks, chairs, keyboards, and telephones present serious potential injuries to the office worker. Improper or incorrect equipment can create strain on the neck, back, and legs.

Doctors of chiropractic are some of the leaders in promoting proper ergonomic design. Here are some suggestions:

- Proper chair height: feet should be flat on the floor with thighs parallel to the floor.
- Back of the chair should fit and support the lumbar region; about waist level.
- Ideally, the front edge of the chair seat should be roughly 4" (about a palm's width) from the back of the knee when a person is seated.
- Soft or springy chairs do not provide the necessary support.
- Forearms should be parallel to the floor, at approximately a 90° angle. The typical desk was not designed to accommodate the computer keyboard and is often too high.
- Wrists should have a padded support bar to rest upon while typing to remove undue strain and muscle fatigue.
- The computer screen should be at eye level and directly in front of the keyboard operator, not off to the side.

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### Chocolate With Less Fat!!!

It's no secret—chocolate is one of America's favorite flavors. And chocolate can be part of a healthy eating pattern if you balance your food choices using the Food Guide Pyramid. It's an extra bonus to be able to reduce the fat in chocolate desserts and treats without sacrificing taste.

The marketplace offers many commercially prepared reduced-fat chocolate desserts and treats. But during the holidays, many people prefer to create their own home-made goodies. Consumers can reduce the fat in their favorite chocolate recipes by substituting traditional lower-fat ingredients or by taking advantage of new reduced-calorie and reduced-fat products on the market.

#### Fat Reduction—The Old-Fashioned Way

Here are some quick and easy tips for reducing fat in your favorite chocolate desserts:

- \* Use unsweetened cocoa, with just one gram of fat per tablespoon, in place of baking chocolate for chocolate flavor with less fat—in some recipes.
- \* Replace some of the oil or shortening with fruit purees—apples, prune, or banana. Purees also add moisture to recipes.
- \* Use a reduced-fat spread in place of some of the stick margarine or butter. You may need to adjust the recipe to compensate for additional water contained in the spread.

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Use reduced-fat or nonfat dairy products—milk, yogurt, sour cream, cream cheese, cottage cheese—whenever possible.

#### Fat and Calorie Reduction—The New-Fashioned Way

New products are making it easier than ever to reduce the fat content of your favorite recipes. While people are interested in lowering the total fat in their diets, most are not willing to sacrifice taste. Fortunately, technology has helped manufacturers produce reduced-fat products that taste good.

#### Reduced-Fat Baking Chips

One such product is reduced-fat baking chips that has half the fat and 25 percent fewer calories than traditional semi-sweet chocolate chips. By using this product and traditional substitutions in special recipes, you can reduce the fat content of your favorite treats. For example, you could try the cookie recipe below or make a coffee cake with fat-free sour cream and reduced-fat baking chips.

#### How is the fat reduced in the baking chips?

The reduced-fat baking chips contain a reduced-caloric fat, salatrim. Salatrim is made from components commonly found in foods such as vegetable oil, vinegar, aged cheeses, and other dairy products. Your body can produce all the components of salatrim.

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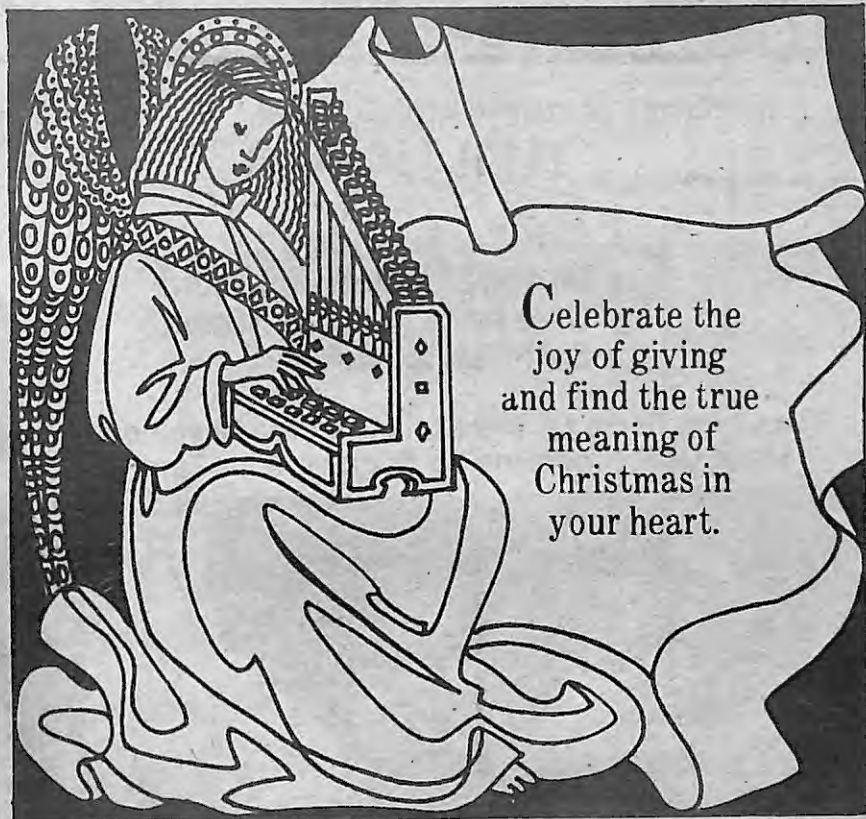
#### CHOCOLATEY CHIP COOKIES-

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- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) 60% oil spread
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar

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## Living Well

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### Exercise Fights Depression

Many Americans suffer from some sort of depression, especially around the holidays. Unfortunately, depression can require anti-depression medication or psychotherapy, but it can also be just a mild case of "post holiday blues" or "cabin fever."

If you feel that you suffer from an ongoing or recurring depression, see your doctor. However, if your depression is new, the good news is that you may just need to get out and exercise! Exercise can be an important element in beating the blues because it produces many benefits towards a healthier life.

Some of the key benefits exercise can produce are:

- A calming state that helps you focus.
- Relaxes your mind and what's bothering you.
- Gives you enjoyment.
- You'll have more energy to overcome problems.
- It makes you feel more alert.
- It eases muscle tension.
- It enhances sleep.
- It makes you a healthier human being.

Maintaining a consistent exercise program can also lead to an improved self-image, give you a greater sense of self-control, and help you to be more positive about things.

The key to fighting depression with exercise is to be in it for the long term. Start easy and gradually increase the time and intensity that you work out. Do choose something you enjoy doing, but don't overdo it!

If you start to tire, get irritable, or uninterested, back off from your training and reassess what you're doing. All you may need is a change or variety to your workouts. Overtraining does not pose a threat to most people, but you should use caution.

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### WORKPLACE POSTURE - from Page 35...

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- Also consider sufficient light, control drafts, excessive heat and air pollutants.

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### NANCY DELL - from Page 35...

**¾ cup packed light brown sugar**  
**1 tsp. vanilla extract**  
**2 eggs**  
**2 cups (12 ounces) reduced-fat semi-sweet baking chips**

Heat oven to 375 F. Stir together flour, baking soda, and salt. In large bowl, beat spread, sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla with electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs.

Beat well. Gradually add flour mixture. Beat well. Stir in chips. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool slightly. Remove to wire rack. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

70 calories, 2.5 grams of fat per cookie  
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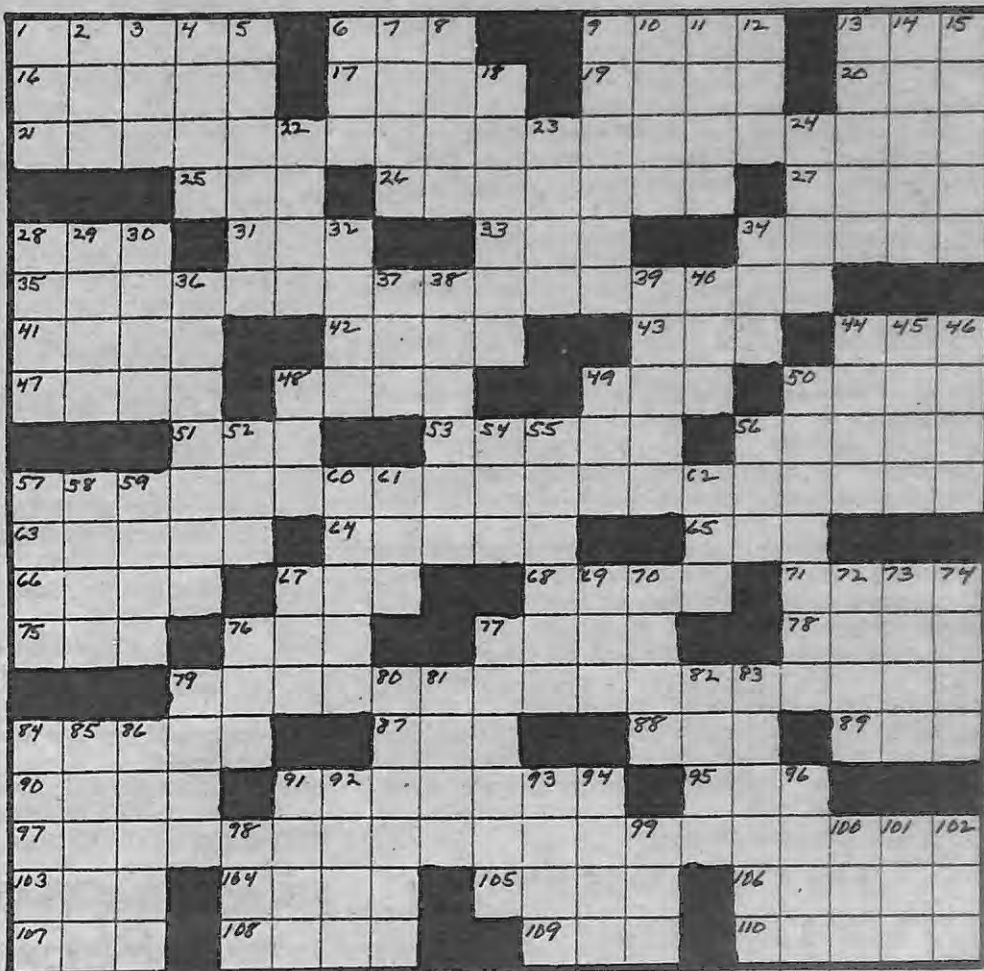
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## Professional Storyteller To Be At Ag. Library

Professional storyteller Mary Jo Maichack will present a school vacation story hour guaranteed to jiggle your jello on Thursday, December 28th, from 11:00 a.m. to noon at the Agawam Public Library.

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# Agawam Poetry...

## The Birth Of The Savior

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

The most precious treasure in the world this day,  
Is the Babe in swaddlings in the manger hay;  
"The Prince of Peace" came to lead men to glory,  
This miraculous birth tells the glorious Christmas story;

In the mid-night sky was an illustrious star,  
It guided the wisemen on camels from afar;  
The sheperds were tending their flocks this night,  
When they saw the glorious star, at first they  
were affright;

But the angels announced to them, Christ was born  
this morn;  
They gathered their finest pelts to keep the Baby warm;  
The angels were singing "Hosanna" on high,  
And all God's little creatures knew Christmas was nigh;

The Magi brought their treasures to the new-born Babe,  
And by His cradle, their treasures they laid;  
The bowing cattle, the sheep's soft cry, and the  
donkey's gentle bray;  
Welcomed everyone into the stable Christmas Day,

May the love and caring at Christmastide,  
In the hearts of all mankind forever abide;  
And the World would turn to its very best,  
With the Savior of the World, as our Honored Guest.

## The Christmas Story

From out of the frosty, frigid skies,  
Echoes a tiny Baby's cries;  
The bleat of the lamb, and the donkey's bray,  
Welcomed Him into their stable, this day;

They offered their hay for a cradle bed,  
So the new-born Baby, could lay His head;  
Hosanna was sung by angels on high,  
And a glorious star illumined the sky;

The bowing cattle joined Mary in song,  
And the wooly white sheep were singing along;  
For this is the greatest day on the Earth,  
It's Christmas, the day of "The Dear Savior's" birth;

From far-distant hills, came shepherds that morn,  
For the angels told them that Jesus was born;  
The Wisemen, Melchoir, Caspar, and Balthsar,  
Rode on their camels, by the light of the star;

They brought their treasures of silver and gold,  
And knelt by the crib, on the ground, hard and cold;  
They offered their gifts to the Babe in the hay,  
To honor His birth, "The First Christmas Day."



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## Caramel And White Chocolate Make A Winning Combination

A rich white chocolate sauce drizzled over a marbled caramel cheesecake took the top prize in T. Marzetti's 1994 Caramel Apple Dip Recipe Contest. This classic dessert will tempt any caramel lover's taste buds.

### CARAMEL WHITE CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE (Makes 12 servings)

- 1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted
- 2 (6-oz.) or 12 (1-oz.) pkgs. white chocolate baking bars

- 1/2 cup whipping cream
  - 2 (8-oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened
  - 4 eggs
  - 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
  - 1 1/2 cups T. Marzetti's® Old Fashioned Caramel
  - Apple Dip Caramel White Chocolate Sauce
- Preheat oven to 300°. Combine first four ingredients; press on bottom 9-inch springform pan. In saucepan, over low heat, melt 10 ounces white chocolate with whipping cream, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat; cool.

In large mixer bowl, beat cheese until fluffy; beat in eggs one at a time until blended. Stir in white chocolate mixture and vanilla. Remove 1 cup batter and mix with 1 cup T. Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip.

Spoon batters alternately over crust; cut through with a table knife to marble. Bake 55 minutes or until set (center will be slightly soft). Turn off oven; let cake stand in oven for 1 hour.

Cool completely. Chill. Serve with Caramel White Chocolate Sauce. Store in refrigerator.

**Caramel White Chocolate Sauce:** In small microwave-safe bowl, combine remaining 2 ounces white chocolate with remaining 1/2 cup T. Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip.

In microwave oven \*, cook on 100% power (HIGH) 40 seconds; stir after 20 seconds, stirring to marble, but not to blend completely. Serve with cheesecake.

(\* Microwave oven power wattages vary; cooking times may need adjusting.)

Per serving: About 585 calories; 40g fat; 131mg cholesterol; 333mg sodium.

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## Education

### Sarat Ford Rescues AHS Model Congress With Traveling Van

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

They get by with a little help from a friend. In fact, they do more than just get by; they get all the way to Yale University in New Haven with a little help from a friend at **Sarat Ford**.

For the third year, Sarat Ford owner **Jack Sarat** has donated the van to transport Agawam High School's delegates to the Yale Model Congress.

With \$800 from the AHS council to cover the cost of food and lodging for the three days in New Haven and with no funding from the School Department, AHS Model Congress advisor John Ferranti said the club was forced to find its own transportation.

"We can't believe how indebted we are to Jack Sarat," Ferranti said. "Frankly, if it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have gone. I don't know what we would have done."

Senior **Jason Devine** agreed. "The most important thing is we got the donation of the van and that got us down there."

This year, Agawam's five delegates came home with a "Distinguished Speaker Award" for senior **Al Albano** and an honorable mention award for senior **Jenn Kratovil**.

"I didn't sponsor a bill, but I spoke a lot," Jenn said. "I guess I did well in the debates."

An experienced speaker both in Model Congress and in speech competitions, Al said, "I think a lot of it is just being aggressive in expressing yourself. Also, not being afraid to get up in front of people who are going to question you. There's a lot of competition with kids fighting for the number one spot. It's sort of like combat training in thinking on your feet."

#### 300 Students From 22 High Schools

Along with 300 other students from 22 high schools across the Northeast, the AHS Model Congress delegates introduced their own legislation in committee and also considered emergency bills designed to present a crisis situation requiring immediate action by the congress.

Freshman **Asbel Nunez** sat on a committee considering a surprise bill dealing with emergency measures to cover the costs of sending American troops to Bosnia.

"We had the choice of cutting all social services or finding a different way," Asbel said. "We decided to sell old military equipment to other countries and we sold Midway Island. They wanted to sell Puerto Rico, but I put a stop to that."

Among the bills passed at Yale were measures to establish a minimum of two days per week of maintenance for military aircraft; to require 60 percent of foreign aid be spent to purchase American goods; and establish a federal lottery to fund social security.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL MODEL CONGRESS** with their advisor, faculty member **John Ferranti**. Students in photo are **Al Albano**, **Jenn Kratovil**, **Jason Devine**, **Brooke Chichakly**, and **Asbel Nunez**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Al said his genetic engineering bill passed in committee by a close margin, but was defeated in the Senate. "The people didn't understand the science involved," Al said.

Jason Devine almost saw his bill proposing a 5 percent tax on tickets to pro sporting events passed. The money raised was earmarked for education. "My bill was passed through the House on the last day, but it was too late to go through the Senate," Jason said.

Freshman **Brooke Chichakly** said the seniors in her committee were successful in killing her bill by picking it apart and "turning it all around."

#### "Knowing How To Use The System"

Often, the secret of success in the political arena is knowing how to use the system. "The people who have been there before know the rules and they know what to do," Jason said. "All the Agawam kids knew the rules, but some schools didn't and that's where they ran into trouble."

Both newcomers to Model Congress, Asbel and Brooke are enthusiastic about their experience at Yale and are committed to continuing with the

club.

"I'm absolutely going to stay in Model Congress," Asbel said. "I like politics."

Brooke said being in the group has increased her knowledge of current and world events, made her more aware of how to make an argument, and has increased her self-esteem.

For Jason, his work in Model Congress has helped develop communication skills for a lifetime and has helped increase his awareness of what's going on in the world.

"As seniors, we'll all be voting in the next Presidential election," Jason noted. "It's good to have that (background) information."

The students agreed that Model Congress has given them a chance to experience how government works, to expand their public speaking skills, to enhance their self-confidence, and to improve their interpersonal skills.

"We learn how to bargain and negotiate and how to persuade people to support our bills," Al added.

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## AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen  
Acting Director  
AHS Guidance Dept.

### "News From The High School"

Last week, over 200 sophomores and juniors received their test results of the PSATs (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) along with their test booklets. At the time, each student was told to add a 0 to the end of his/her math score and verbal score to enable the scores to more closely mirror what he/she would have achieved on the actual Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Remember, the PSATs are *preliminary* tests. They provide an excellent tool to help identify math and verbal weaknesses and strengths. If the scores are low, they may indicate that the student may have trouble with college courses. Perhaps a child has difficulty tasking tests.

Therefore, it is strongly urged that each student who is desirous of improving his/her scores to sign up to take an SAT course which our school system is offering through the Agawam Adult Education program. The course commences in March to prepare students for the SAT that is administered in May. Also, there are other SAT courses available; the guidance office can advise you.

As parents, please look over your child's PSAT scores. An overview of answers is provided to enable the test-taker to look at the test booklet to figure out what the answer should have been. Please review the score report carefully and if you have any questions, do contact your child's guidance counselor.

Remember, helping to strengthen your child's skills will greatly aid you child in making post-high school dreams a reality. Do encourage her/him to read, to memorize vocabulary, and to ask questions in classes if material is not understood.

Let us all work together—the school personnel, the parents, and the students. In this way, I know we will spell success.

Unfortunately, winter came early and cancelled our Financial Aid Night. The rescheduled date is January 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Dr. Sirois, our financial aid expert, assures us that this date will still give parents enough time to file the appropriate forms.

My staff and I wish you and your families happiness, health, hope, and peace. Enjoy the holidays.

Judy Cohen

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David McCarthy, Johnson & Wales; Tracie Jacapraro, Johnson & Wales; Jason Bryant, Johnson & Wales; Carrie Lock, Hesser College; Kirsten Decoteau, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Andrea LeBlanc, Asnuntuck Community College; Courtney Limbert, Merrimack; Selena Machia, Boston College.

### GUIDANCE BULLETIN

**Scholarships** - See your counselor for more information.

**Silvio O. Conte Education Foundation** - The following scholarships totaling \$17,000 will be offered to graduating high school seniors in 1996. Deadline: March 1, 1996 (applications must be submitted to your guidance counselor).

\* The Silvio O. Conte Boston College Scholarship - The applicant must be accepted at B.C. for admission in September 1996.

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\* Additional scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

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A \$500 scholarship to a senior majoring in voice and continuing their education at a four-year college.

A \$400 scholarship—"Pennies for Art" (must be a senior in high school). Deadline: February 15, 1996.

Youth Writing Competition - Write a short story (2,000 words or less). First place—\$50. Deadline: February 15, 1996.

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### "News From The Junior High School"

"Special Notices" were issued to Junior High students on Friday, December 15, 1995. Although these notices have been traditionally known as "Failure Notices" among the students, they do not always indicate that a student is failing.

More often than not, they indicate a particular problem that the student needs a parent's help to solve. When special notices are received, parents should discuss them with their child. By working together and offering positive, concrete sugges-

tions, parents can help their child achieve better grades and success in school.

Students need to hear more than "Do better the next time," etc. That statement, or words and promises like it, do not solicit improvement or changes in behavior as will a caring discussion and thoughtful advice. Many special reports will indicate a problem with homework. This will be shown by a code of either 2 or 3 or both.

Students will often tell their parents that they have "no homework" or they "did it during study." Parents should realize that the student is usually talking about a written homework.

While there may be a limited number of nights without written work, there is always a need to study and review the materials covered that day during class. Written homework is only one part of the total homework assignment.

In addition to study and review, notebooks need to be corrected and updated on a daily basis so they can be a valuable tool in preparing for future tests. Many teachers grade notebooks at the end of each term. Therefore, careful attention to the notebook will result in an excellent test grade.

Parents should establish a regular study time each night, Monday through Thursday, and a flexible time from Friday through Sunday. A set study time is a wonderful asset on the establishment of study skills that will be essential in high school and beyond.

Since the Junior High (with help from the P.T.O. and the "DARE" program) supplies each student with an "Agenda," you can check each day to see what homework was assigned and what areas were covered during class time. Don't accept a notation of "no homework" day after day; that is a sure sign of pending trouble.

At the end of each child's study session, parent and child should recheck the Agenda to make sure that all assignments and reviews have been completed. The Agenda is also an excellent means of communicating with the teacher on a regular basis.

Please feel free to write notes in the Agenda to your child's teachers. If your child tells you that the homework was "done in study," ask to see it before it is handed in to the teacher. By checking it over before class, mistakes can be found and neatness can be improved according to your standards.

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Homework, both written and study, is an essential part of learning. It is during these homework sessions that your child gains in self-direction and time-management skills. It needs to be a top priority in each household if education is to be a success for each student.

The Guidance Department will help you whenever it can with weekly progress reports, teacher appointments, advice, etc. Please feel free to call Mrs. Jane Lucardi, grade 8, at 789-1400, ext. 461, or Mr. Frank Meagher, grade 7, at 789-1400, ext. 462.

Remember, it is much better to contact the school with a problem or concern when it is still small and easily solved than when it has evolved into a major problem.

There are five weeks left in the second marking period. Please call now if there is a concern about one of these "Special Reports" or for any other reason.

Wishing you and your family a happy holiday season we remain.

**Mrs. Jane Lucardi**  
**Mr. Frank Meagher**

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## "News From The Middle School"

At the Middle School, the fifth grade students are working on a study skills program. Earlier in the year, each fifth grade student was given a copy of two booklets, *How to Study* and *The Elementary School Counselor*. The fifth graders did a written exercise on these booklets and reviewed them with the guidance counselor.

Recently, all fifth grade classes watched a video on study skills which gives helpful hints on such topics as listening in class, taking notes, and doing homework. The students did a written review of the video with the guidance counselor.

Special reports for poor academic performance and other problems were issued on December 15th at the Middle School. The parents of students who received a special report are requested to sign and return them to the school via the student as soon as possible.

Parents who wish to consult with the counselor may call Mr. Dacey at 789-1400, ext. 453, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Happy Holidays**  
**Mr. Thomas Dacey**

## Making Gifts At Robinson School



**STUDENTS AT ROBINSON PARK** participated in a holiday craft project—making a gift for a family member. **IN TOP PHOTO:** David Casinghino, Anthony Braica, and Jonathon Cruthers. **IN PHOTO BELOW:** Gabrielle Stellato, Erin Colby, and Jessica Santinello. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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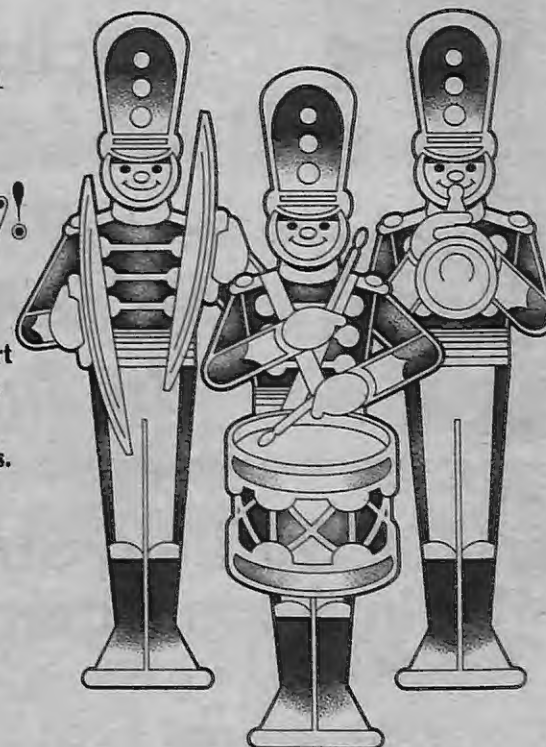
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## Mr. & Mrs. Claus Visit Phelps School



**MR. & MRS. SANTA CLAUS** paid a visit to students at Phelps School on December 11th. Students gave Santa their wish lists for Christmas and responded that they'd been extra good this year. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Tamzeena E. Hutchinson Named As "Artist Of Month" At Agawam High

Picked as High School Artist of the Month of November by Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal is Tamzeena E. Hutchinson, a sophomore taking Drawing and Painting I.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hutchinson of Norman Terrace, Agawam. Tammy has one sister, Heidi, who is also in 10th grade. Tammy believes her art talent comes from her great-grandmother, "Emily," on her father's side of the family, and from her great-aunt, Edith LaFrances, who also draws and paints.

"Smokey Mittens," a cat, is Tammy's constant companion and best friend when home. Tammy loves to draw and does so all the time, not just for class. This has aided her in her creative pursuits. Art college is in her foreseeable future.

Added to the art honor roll from the Agawam Junior High are Caroline Scherpa, and eighth grade student of Mrs. Debbie Florek and William Campana, a seventh grader having Mr. Andrew Kraus as an instructor.

On Monday, December 4th, 80 art students from the Junior High accompanied by Miss Florek and Mr. Kraus, visited the Norman Rockwell Museum

in Stockbridge. This trip was enjoyed by all who took part.

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Appearing in the autumn issue of "Create-A-Craft," the Association of Crafts and Creative Industries' nationwide newsletter, are two pictures of Christina Januska of Feeding Hills.

The photos, taken by Mrs. Schilling-Nordal in one of her classes, depict Christina using a ribbon-weaving technique to make a pillow and mentions that at Agawam High School, crafts are taught as a separate course. Christina was honored as Student of the Month last January. This year, as a sophomore, she is taking Drawing and Painting I.

Speaking to the art students in the Drawing and Painting classes of Mrs. Schilling-Nordal at the High School this past month was Julie Smith Gough from the admissions office at Maine College of Art in Portland, Maine.

She showed slides of students' work from the college, and a VCR of various art classes in progress. She also viewed several local student portfolios.

## Michael Kennedy Jr. Going To Disney

Michael R. Kennedy, Jr., a senior at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst has been selected to participate in The Walt Disney World College Program at Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

The Walt Disney World College program is a unique educational, work, and interpersonal relationship program. Students must receive academic credit or recognition from their respective school to be considered.

Mr. Kennedy holds an Associate Degree from The Stockbridge School of Agriculture with a major in Plant and Soil Sciences, and Turf Grass Management. He is a senior at UMass, working towards a bachelor of science degree with a major in Plant Pathology, and Integrated Post Management.

From 1986 to 1991, he was part of the grounds crew at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills and from 1991 to the present, he has been part of the grounds crew and a spray technician at the Longmeadow Country Club, Longmeadow.

Mr. Kennedy will be required to report to Disney World on January 1, 1996 to commence his work with the Horticultural Co-op.



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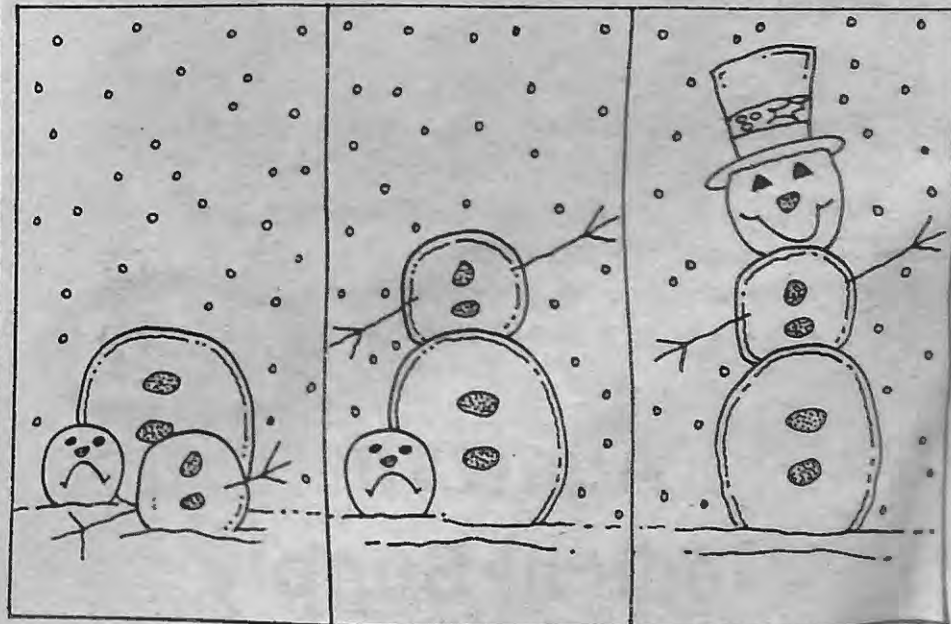
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## Renaissance Program Rewards Students At AHS



THE POPULAR RENAISSANCE PROGRAM at Agawam High School rewarded many of the school's students for their good grades, attendance, and for being on time at the end of every marking period. The rewards include gift certificates to many local businesses. IN PHOTO LEFT are students Maryann Spring, Michelle Kupras, and Katie Reynolds. IN PHOTO RIGHT is faculty member Linda Sasso, one of the event's organizers, holding the megaphone. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Ag. Adult Education Winter Registration Slated For January

Registration for the winter semester of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, January 8 and 10, 1996 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Tuesday, January 16th; Wednesday, January 17th; and Monday, January 22nd, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 16th, and run for 10 weeks.

The tuition charge is \$65 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel a course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered for the winter term:

### **Mondays and Wednesdays:**

All academic courses required for high school diploma are held these two nights (1½ hours each night per course). Courses offered:

English 9, 10, 11, 12  
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Psychology  
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General Science  
World History  
Typing (any level)  
Lotus 2 (second half)

### **Tuesdays:**

Accounting I  
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## Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

(School will be closed December 25th thru December 29th for Christmas Vacation.)

**Monday, January 1st:** New Year's Day. NO SCHOOL.

**Tuesday, Jan. 2nd:** Oven baked chicken nuggets w/honey or mayonnaise, seasoned diced carrots, bread & butter, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 3rd:** Rotini w/meatsauce, tossed garden salad w/dressing, Italian bread & butter, chocolate cake w/icing or fruit cup, milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 4th:** Pizza burger on roll w/mozzarella cheese, seasoned niblet corn, applesauce, peanut butter cookie, milk.

**Friday, Jan. 5th:** Oven baked sea nuggets w/catsup or tartar sauce, potato puffs, bread & butter, seasoned green beans, jello w/topping, milk.

(Reminder: Elementary Lunch is \$1 per day or \$5 weekly.)

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**JAMES CLARK SCHOOL BROWNIE Troop 558 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.** The troop decorated a birthday board. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**INVESTITURE CEREMONY for Granger Daisy Troop 554.** Back row - Katherine McGeoghan, Chelsea Lafontaine, Emily Wojnarowicz, Katie Figella, and Amber Smith. Front row - Meghan Masciadrelli, Emily Laliberte, Danielle Burns, Carissa Bobskill, and Kimberly Bock.



**MORE JAMES CLARK SCHOOL BROWNIES (Troop 558) at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Granger School Daisy Girl Scout Troop 554 began their Girl Scout year on October 19th. Each girl made a scrapbook to showcase their Troop's activities. Four highlights, to date, include celebrating Daisy Low's birthday, making a Good Turn Mouse, making Shape Birdfeeders, and our Investiture Ceremony.

On October 31st, the girls made and wore birthday hats, enjoyed party favors and refreshments, and sang "Happy Birthday" to honor Ms. Low, the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States.

During Daisy Circle, each week the girls take turns sharing their good deeds and then tie a knot in their Good Turn Mouse's tail.

Covered with peanut butter and rolled in birdseed, the shape birdfeeders can be found in the girls' backyards, providing food for our feathered friends.

Lastly, our Investiture, November 30th, welcomed 10 Daisies, their families, and friends to Girl Scouting, with a short program and refreshments.

Our girls are now planning more activities that provide them with opportunities for sharing, playing, and helping others at home, school, and in the community.

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## "The Odd Couple" A Big Success At AHS



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL theater classes, under the direction of faculty member Margo Poulin, staged a hilarious version of "The Odd Couple" recently. IN LEFT PHOTO, Felix (Dan Viens - standing) serves Oscar's (Justin Casinghino - center) grubby poker-playing buddies. Seated around the table are Andy Pond, Andrew Ingham, Kevin Bovat, and John Hill. IN RIGHT PHOTO, Felix (Dan Viens) seems to be getting all the attention from the Pigeon sisters (Jessica Przybyla and Sabrina Ferrari) while Oscar (Justin Casinghino) offers them another drink. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Shark Patrol Meets Mayor Johnson



THE SHARK PATROL from Pack 75 of Sacred Heart Church recently toured the Agawam Town Hall with the help of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. The Mayor gave the boys an informative tour of each department and then an explanation of the responsibilities of his position as Mayor. The tour helped the Scouts fulfill a requirement for their Citizen Activity Pin.



ONE OF THE MANY "confrontational" moments between Oscar (Justin Casinghino) and Felix (Dan Viens) in the AHS theater production of "The Odd Couple." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Sports

### Road To Recovery Begins For AHS Boys After Putnam Win

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Last Friday night, the Agawam High boys' basketball team rang one up in the left-hand column. It was their first win of the young season and it was impressive, 61-55 against last year's Valley League champion, Putnam Vocational (1-11).

It was a brickwall counterpoint to the Brownies' frustrating opening game loss to powerful Central. That was a game they could have won. This game was a spin-off. They were determined to come away with a victory.

#### A Confidence Thing

It was a confidence thing. Brownie Coach Mike Martin has based this season on that one word. "We definitely have the talent. If this club can hook that up to the confidence they have to have in themselves, we are going to be very good."

Some pundits might say that the early games they'll play aren't conference games, so what difference does it make? We can only say this. It's better to go into your league season as a tall hog at the trough rather than a whipped dog. Makes sense, doesn't it?

Putnam has only one offense; run and gun. They are fast and cocky. They play a tough man defense. They do what has gotten them there year-after-year.

Agawam had the talent to match-up with them, as it discovered Friday night. The Brownies served notice from the get-go. It was going to be an up-tempo battle.

Agawam never trailed in this game. They started out shooting 8-12 at the 9:37 mark. Putnam was 5-12. The Brownies were up 22-12 at the 8:50 mark. They were beating the tenacious Putnam 'D' with crisp and intelligent passing, compliments of guards Todd Jorgensen (10 points, 4-4, 3 rebounds) and Chris Blitzas (4 points, 3 rebounds).

And the Agawam defense was having some good times. Putnam scored a field goal at the 10-minute mark. Junior guard James Isaac (16 points, 6-8, 6 rebounds), finally canned the next one with 6:34 to go in the half. That made it 22-14 Agawam.

Putnam tried a comeback at the 4:38 mark. They got to 26-22 on a nice circle jumper by guard Edwin Diaz. But the Brownie faithful just knew this was their team's night.

#### Murphy Comes Through

As the half was winding down, Agawam 6'5" senior center David Murphy (2 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks) was showing why Martin says this about him - "He doesn't necessarily have to score for us. But he has to do all the other things, like rebounding and defense." Murphy was an intimidator against a team that is used to having it all their own way.

It might be added that in the first half, 6'3" junior forward Phil McGeoghan (19 points, 1-3, 9 rebounds) had 10 points to protect the Agawam lead. And senior 6' forward Joe Albano (11 points, including a three pointer, 4-6, 3 rebounds) chipped in with five. Once again, he was assigned to the opposition's toughest scorers. A job like that will always taken away from one's offensive stats because of the effort you have to make on defense.

The Brownies ended up shooting 15-31 from the field for a 48 percent average. They went 7-14 from the line.

Putnam drained 10 in 25 attempts. They hit on 7-9 from the line. But they had 11 turnovers, as opposed to Agawam's six. Turnovers can put the brakes on any offensive game plan, especially when you are a running team.

The half ended 38-27, Agawam.

"For a few minutes there, I thought it was going to be *deja vu*," Martin said, as he observed the start of the second half. He was referring to the Central game, when his Brownies came out with a half-time lead and got bulldozed by the Golden Eagles. It looked the same here.

Drummer (17 points) hit a big three at the 14:25 mark to make it 38-34, Agawam. The Brownies couldn't hit the floor. They committed three quick turnovers. With almost three minutes gone in the half, McGeoghan finally hit a field goal. They had gone 0-4 up until then. Putnam was trapping and double teaming all over the court. This was, without a doubt, gut check time for the Brownies. At the 11:16 mark, Agawam had five turnovers. Putnam had but two.

At 9:19 it was 45-41, Agawam. It was time for some unheralded Brownie to step up. It was 6'5" junior center Jay Malone (5 points, 0-2, 3 re-

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## Brownie Girls Open Hoop Season With Thrilling OT Loss To Spartans

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

A new era in Agawam High girls' basketball began last Saturday night in the hinterlands of the Berkshires.

The defending Valley Wheel champs and Division I finalists met the Spartans of Monument Mountain. The Brownies came away nursing a 79-73 overtime loss. It was a game you would not soon forget. It was a classic between a true Division I power and a strong Berkshire school.

Coach Lou Conte said he accepted a game so far away (an hour away and past the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge). It is Norman Rockwell country in every sense of the word) because the Monument coach is a friend of his. "He wanted to play us so we'll do it," said Conte.

This was a gut check game for the Brownies. It was probably the first time in Conte's 10 years at the helm where the Brownies had no dominator underneath the basket.

He had two dominators outside in 5'5" sophomore sensation Kristin Patterson (22 points, 2 three-pointers, 8-8 from the foul line, 6 rebounds, and 5 assists) and fine 5'5" senior guard Courtne Hyland (21 points, 2 three-pointers, 1-1, 5 assists, 3 rebounds).

And freshman guard Barbara Maloni made her varsity debut with 14 points, 3 assists, and 4 rebounds, proving she is not only a promising newcomer now but another strong player for the Brownies.

Monument was much taller. And they had a dominator of their own - senior center Ann Kime (36 points, 3 three-pointers, 9-13, 7 assists, 7 rebounds). She is headed for a Division I program at Holy Cross next year. On this night, she was determined her team wouldn't lose.

#### Monument Got Up Early

Monument came out pressing. At the 11:23 mark they went up 13-6. Kime led the charge with nice layups on the break. Patterson was playing her heart out on the Brownie end of things and seemed to be everywhere on the floor. Becca Jones (10 points, 2-4, 4 assists, 6 rebounds) made it 19-10 at the 9:50 mark with a hoop.

Hyland, who is a terrific three-point shooter, launched one at the 7:19 mark from somewhere in downtown Pittsfield to make it 21-17 Monument.

But it was obvious that the 5'9" Kime and the 5'9" Jones, as well as 5'8" Rene Trombley (16 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists) were going to give the Brownies fits under the hoop. And they did.

With 1:43 left in the half, Monument had upped the lead to 34-24. Patterson and Hyland were trying as hard as they could to carry the offense. It was a tough task indeed.

The Brownies shot 10-23 from the floor, in-

cluding a trio of three-pointers and 3-4 from the line in the first half. That's just 43 percent compared to Monument's 15-23 (65 percent, 3-6 from the line).

The well-played first half ended with the Brownies down by 10, 38-28.

Both schools came out running in the second half. At the 12:13 mark, the gap was closed to 42-38. Conte obviously made some adjustments at the intermission. At 11:20, Hyland stuck in a soft jumper from 10 feet to make it 42-41, but Trombley answered with a 16-footer. Kime then converted a Brownie turnover with another jumper at 8:46.

The Berkshire school now began to work the ball down low and Kime was having it her way. The Brownies started to foul her and she ended up going to the line 11 times in the second half and converted on nine.

#### Brownies Forged A Comeback

But the Brownies are a very good team and have a reputation for playing very hard all the time. And the comeback, fueled by a hoop by Hyland and two foul shots by Patterson at the game's end, brought the Brownies to within one at 68-67 (just 44 seconds left).

AHS went into the press as the clock wound down. Monument went back to their meal ticket, Kime, who missed a 10-footer. Patterson ripped the rebound out the air and Maloni was fouled.

The freshman, under lots of pressure with 21.1 seconds left, missed the first shot but iced the second shot and the long battle back brought the Brownies to 68-all. It would be overtime.

But Kime owned the OT. She would say after it was over, "I always want the ball. I have a lot of confidence in myself. And I'll do whatever it takes to win." Conte would comment about her later, "She is a legitimate Division I player."

Kime certainly showed it on this night. With less than a minute gone in OT, she hit a hoop. After Maloni hit one for two on the line, Kime hit a three.

Patterson sank two foul shots with 1:17 left in OT to cut the lead to 75-73, Monument. But those were the final points of the night for AHS.

The Brownies were pressing like crazy and now that meant fouls. Kime went to the stripe and drained a pair. She returned to the line and hit two more. AHS tried a three but it wouldn't fall. It ended 79-73.

The Brownies shot 17-25 from the floor in the second half and Monument fell to 9-24. Both teams had 14 turnovers and the Brownies did rebound the hosts, 20-17 despite being outsize.



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## AHS Boys' Swimming Relying On Few To Carry The Load

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Dave Smith is the longtime coach of Agawam High boys' swimming. Here's his assessment of his 1995-1996 team.

"We have senior co-captain **Mike Robinson**. He can swim in every event. He set a new school record in the 200 yard freestyle last week. That translated to eight lengths of our 25-yard pool in less than two minutes a length. That was quite an accomplishment."

The boys' team hasn't won yet. They are 0-1. But Robinson isn't the only star on this team. "Don't forget our diver, **Keith Paro**," said Smith. "He is fearless. And if I ask him to swim an event or two, he'll do it. He's very good in the 100 yard backstroke, the 50-yard freestyle, and the relay."

Smith also has senior captain **Jonathan David** as one of his strong swimmers. David has been around competitive swimming for years. "He's just a hard worker," said Smith. David competes in the 100-yard fly, 200-yard individual medley, and the 100-yard breaststroke.

The team's sprinter is **Matt Grych**, who will also compete in a relay or two, according to Smith. Two other swimmers Smith noted were **Brendan Kilrain** and **Charlie Roberts**. Kilrain has a wealth of experience with U.S.A. swimming and the Agawam Athletic Association Piranhas. He will swim in the individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke.

Roberts is the team's distance man as both a freestyler and a breastroker, according to Smith. "Every one of these kids are gamers. They have to do everything well. I want to see them swim in every event. We're hoping for a good season. It will be defined as a spot in the Western Mass. playoffs. That is where it all is headed."

"We have some good competition coming up," Smith added. "Our kids are self-motivated. There are 12 events in every meet. If we split first and second, we win it on a third place finish."

The coach pointed to meets against Central High School on January 12th and West Springfield on January 26th as two key meets for the team, as well as Amherst on January 30th.

"It is going to be tough," said Smith. "But our team would never have it any other way."

## AHS Girls' Swimmers Off To Fast Start; Boys Absorb Opening Loss To Holyoke

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The winter sports season was kicked off by the Agawam boys' and girls' swim teams last week. At this writing, the girls are 2-0, having beaten Holyoke, 90-79, and Palmer, 119-48. The boys are 0-1. They lost in a dual meet to Holyoke, 111-64. Girls' Coach Lynn Modzelesky took some time out after the Palmer meet to talk about her club.

Lynn is in her first year as the girls' swim coach. "We have a very talented team this season," she said. "We are not deep, so all the girls will be asked to swim just about every event. We have some good ones to do that."

She went down the list of a team which (like the coach) is very young. "I have to start with my sprinter, senior co-captain **Rachel Niemiec**. She's a tiger in the 50-yard freestyle. Not many kids at this level can go faster than her in the short-distance races."

"My daughter, **Kristine (Modzelesky)**, a junior co-captain, can do it all. But she likes the butterfly the best." The coach then laughed, saying, "I know many people think that it is the most exhausting stroke there is in swimming. But if it is done right, it really isn't. It's like the way a dolphin swims."

She also mentioned **Eileen Daly**. "She is just a sophomore. She is an all-arounder, but her strength is the 100-yard fly."

One of her best swimmers is also one of her youngest. "**Bridget Donovan** is a freshman freestyler and a backstroke. She is also great in the distance races," the coach noted.

"They are all very good in the freestyle races," she said. "We have to be good in everything because we don't have the numbers to specialize."

She paused. "But even if we had a hundred kids come out for this team, I'd still try to make sure that they could do everything well."

She mentioned some other kids who'll figure in this year. "**Kelly Robinson** is a sophomore. Her brother, Mike, is a record-breaker on the men's side. She's a great freestyler and breastroker."

Then she added, "The breaststroke is the toughest one of all. They come out of the water after competing in that discipline, and they are completely exhausted." Why? "I think because you use up so much energy and you don't really go that fast."

### Other Talented Freshmen...

Coach Modzelesky has four talented freshmen to go along with Donovan. "**Danielle DeForge** is a backstroke. **Shaunessy Egan** goes in the freestyle and the backstroke. **Brenna McGinn** is a freestyler and backstroke. **Allicyn Siano** is good in the freestyle and the fly. We are so young, and so good. Our future is in great shape."

Then the coach added something else. "We might be young, but we have so many kids who have so much experience. Most of them have participated in U.S.A. swimming and have been with the Piranhas."

Swimming is an esoteric sport, like field hockey. If you don't understand it, you never will. You have to grow up with it.

We asked the coach what will make her team good this season? Here was her answer: "You have to be self-motivated. You don't race against an opponent as much as you race against the clock. Like track, it's a very lonely thing. When you are in the water, no one can help you. You have to go deep within yourself."

Then she paused again. "You can swim the best time of your life and not win. Sometimes your best isn't good enough. Sometimes it's the best you can do."

Then she addressed her team again. "We are all becoming stars here, especially the freshmen."

She mentioned two more swimmers who will figure in. "**Kelli Kunkel** can do it all: freestyle, breaststroke, and the fly. But the best butterfly stroke belongs to my junior, **Megumi Isogai**. When she swims that stroke, it is just beautiful to watch. It is so pretty. She came to us from China. She has been well-schooled. She has all the strokes across the board. We just have to get her up to speed."

Agawam girls' swimming has one big problem. They have no divers. "You need gymnasts for that part of it," Coach Modzelesky noted. "We have the boys' diving champion, Keith Paro, working with my daughter and Rachel. Maybe by the end of the season, we can put someone on the board."

You have to hand it to the coach. Last Friday, they were beating the heck out of Palmer. "I knew they weren't very good," she admitted. "It was a good opportunity to get all my swimmers into the action. I'll never run up the score. Our younger kids got experience. They need that."

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## Kristen Schmaelzle Continues To Adjust To Life At WSC

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High 1995 graduate Kristen Schmaelzle is still up to her ears in sports and academics, but this time at nearby Westfield State College.

Her first semester at the school included taking a double major in elementary education and psychology. "If I want to be a teacher, those will be my two majors," she told us the other day.

Kristen will always be remembered with great fondness for her years starring in three sports at Agawam High during a wonderful career for the orange and brown.

She said the toughest transition for her has been the amount of time she spends hitting the books. "We are expected to know everything here. I spend a lot of time in my room at night just studying. My hardest subject is math although it's not my major. But they make sure you know it," she told us.

Kristen spent years playing soccer for the Agawam Soccer Association and then for Agawam High. But she has given up that sport for women's basketball at the school. That's what she was recruited for by WSC.

"The college invested in me to play basketball and that is what I am concentrating on besides my studying," Kristen said.

And her numbers from last year deserved the consideration she received from Westfield State. Kristen finished her senior year at AHS averaging 19 points a game, 14 rebounds, and six assists. She also blocked three shots per contest. The Brownies reached the Western Mass. finals a year ago after being the runners-up in the entire state during her junior year of 1993-1994.

As a freshman starter for the Lady Owls (and at presstime), the team is 7-2. She is averaging 9 points per game and 8 rebounds.

"This is so much more physical than playing in high school," she admitted. "Everyone is much bigger and stronger. I don't think they are as quick as many of the people I played against, but they are more than strong enough to get the job done. They are very mature players."



**FORMER AHS STAR THREE-SPORT athlete Kristen Schmaelzle is now applying her talents on the women's hoop team at Westfield State College. Advertiser News file photo by Jack Devine.**

Kristen, who was under the guidance of AHS girls' Coach Lou Conte, says she misses the many familiar faces at Agawam High. "I was very comfortable in high school. Everyone knew me there. No one at Westfield State knows who I am. It's very lonely here, but I'm doing the job and I'm just a freshman."

If Kristen sounds a bit wary of the start of her college career, it's just because of the way she is quiet and humble. But as she progresses through the collegiate ranks, she'll certainly be a star and will walk tall among her classmates.

She will also be a good teacher someday because she's a quality person who left AHS with much ambition and plenty of talent.

## Elks Slate Annual Kids' Hoop Shoot

The West Springfield/Agawam Lodge No. 2174 Elks Hoop Shoot will be held at the West Springfield Boys' and Girls' Club on Saturday, January 6th from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Contestants' age groups will be determined by their ages as of April 1, 1996. There will be two Divisions (Boys & Girls), and three categories in each Division:

Boys 8-9; Boys 10-11; Boys 12-13; Girls 8-9; Girls 10-11; Girls 12-13.

Contestants must be eight years-old as of April 1, 1996.

The National Final will be held May 3rd-5th at the Springfield Civic Center.

For more information, contact Wayne Venette at 737-2103.

### PUTNAM - from Page 49...

bounds). He put a spin move on the Putnam defense down low at 5:50 that put Agawam up, 49-43. Putnam, which had been coming on, seemed to go away.

Malone fouled out at the 4:33 mark. But he was inspirational. Jorgensen drove the middle like a pro at the 3:30 mark. It was now 53-44, Agawam. Then Jorgensen fed Bitzas on a needle threader underneath to make it 55-44, Agawam. At this moment in time, Putnam must have known its goose was cooked. They weren't playing the same Agawam team they rode roughshod over last year.

Putnam pressed in the closing minutes. They fouled. It was over. The Brownies won it, 61-55.

**SOME STATS FOR THE ENDING** - Agawam shot 10-22 from the field in this half. They hit 3-6 from the line. They committed only six second half turnovers. Even though Putnam had only five second half turnovers, they went 9-27 from the floor and 7-13 from the line.

It came down to one thing, according to Martin. "We played defense like we can play it. The big moment came in the second half when Murphy stole the ball across the court and fed it down for a score. We knew we had it then."

The rebounding in this one was nicely spread out for Agawam. They had 28. Putnam had 30. But the Brownies' boards were more vital as they had 12 on the offensive side.

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### The Positive Results Of A Deer Management Program

Deer hunters in Massachusetts had an exceptional year, taking 7,835 deer. Hunters of my generation in the past were delighted when a total of 2,000 deer was reached.

The present deer kill shows what can be realized when a management program is put into operation. The controlled hunt in Quabbin Resey is a textbook example of how a controlled deer hunt should operate. McDonald, deer project biologist for the Division, said, "This one will be studied by wildlife students for years to come."

How unfair it is for the anti-hunters to put a referendum on the 1996 ballot (under the guise of outlawing a recently declared legal trap by the court) to gut the Division of the Fish and Game Board by increasing the number on it to include no hunters and fishermen. The present law requires that a nominee must have had a hunting and fishing license for five years prior to application for a seat.

The Division of Fisheries and Game is completely supported by the sportsmen from taxes they initiated in 1937 on all equipment and other articles involved in their sport, and the federal government allots the dedicated funds to the states every year.

This year, the allotment for Massachusetts is over \$2 million. Why should skiers, hikers, golfers, etc., be put on the board to dictate where the money should be spent?

The hunters and fishermen had better wake up in 1996 and defeat the referendum at the polls.

Dr. Robert Deblinger, Assistant Director for Wildlife, reiterated the goals of the deer management program: "Our density goals of 12 to 15 deer/square mile in Western Massachusetts, and an eight to 12 deer/square mile in Eastern Massachusetts, are achieved through the antlerless deer permit program during the shotgun season."

"This year's kill is right in there! By closely monitoring the management of deer in this way, we will steer clear of overpopulation problems that are prevalent in states to the south of us."

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Exceptional weight deer checked in the Connecticut Valley are: 202-pound, nine-point buck taken by David York of Southampton; 197-pound, eight-point deer taken by Jerrod Troy of Chicopee; 140-pound doe taken by Carroll Mankowsky of Miller's Falls; and this region also reported the taking of an unusual 147-pound, seven-point doe taken by Lawrence Shearer of Colrain.

In the Western District, a 168-pound, 19-point buck taken by Peter Leuvelink of Westport; a 201-pound, 11-point buck by Brian Ainsworth of Hardwick, Vermont; a 173-pound, nine-point buck by Raymond Chyba of Feeding Hills; and a 201-pound, eight-point buck taken by Mark Duquette of Holyoke.

The fifth year of the Quabbin Controlled Deer Hunt ended on December 6th with 284 deer killed, prompting officials from both the MDC and MDFW to deem the program both successful and effective.

Approximately 1,700 permits were selected from an applicant pool of 4,844 hunters in a special lottery held last fall. To receive validated permits, hunters were required to attend a training session which stressed safety, sanitation, rules and regulations, and hunting procedures that included "you are only hunting deer, leave the moose alone." This gave the hunter who shot a 1,000-pound moose no excuse whatsoever, and he should pay the full penalty for doing so.

In 1991, MDC foresters estimated that decades of intense deer browsing had reduced the number of young trees in the 40,000-acre Quabbin Resey by more than 50 million. The current program has begun the process of restoring this precious natural resource and thereby better protecting the water that flows from these lands.

The hunts were closely monitored by MDC, MDFW, and law enforcement personnel to insure there was compliance with all regulations and state laws. Continual testing of water quality in reservoir tributaries, and follow-up ground surveys of the watershed, revealed no degradation of any water resources.

The MDC will continue to monitor forest regeneration throughout the hunt areas. Data has indicated a trend of increased tree regrowth, the first step in the program's goals of healthy forest regeneration.

However, MDC officials caution that forest development is a long-term process and takes many years. I don't think that a deer hunt can just be dropped and still accomplish the regeneration. It's more than likely a deer hunt will have to be run every year in sections of the 40,000 acres.

To all my friends and readers of this column, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## AHS Gymnasts Feted



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL girls' varsity gymnastics team held its season-ending banquet at the Springfield Turnverein on December 17th. Coach Heather Sawyer (center) is pictured with senior co-captains Jen Sparveri (left) and Becky White (right). Advertiser

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## Top Phys. Ed. Students



NAMED AS Physical Education "Students of the Month" for November at the Agawam Junior High were Bill Pananas and Caroline Scherpa. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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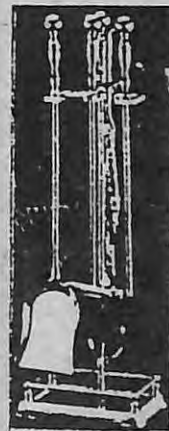
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## Maroon Maniacs Champs Of Under-10 Girls



**TEAM MEMBERS OF THE MAROON MANIACS**, champs of the Agawam Soccer Association's Under-10 Girls' Soccer League. Back row, from left - Malerie Gardner, Mary Lou Gottardi, Kristyn Ward, Christina Sticco, Kelly Reilly, Elise Davilli, and Coach Marty Davilli. Front row - Amanda Hamel, Courtney Moren, Jessica Lalli, Heather Darnell, Sarah Rollins, Jessica Farmer, and Leeann Morytko. Missing - Assistant Coach Darrel Darnell.

## Tri-Parish Rollers Heading Into Holidays With A Bang

The Tri-Parish bowlers at the Agawam Bowl really were on fire during matches held on Monday evening, December 11th.

First place St. Anselm (10 wins) had a torrid match vs. last place St. Michael (2½ wins). St. A's winners were leadoff LOU NAPOLITAN (300, 82.26 in Men's C), third roller YVONNE CHARTIER (343, 105.13 in Women's AA), and Captain "Luscious" LOU MULDER, who continued his recent hot run with a searing 373-360 victory over substitute anchorman "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA of St. Mike's.

"Luscious" Lou is second in the league overall with an average of 108.21 while "Sweet" Lou is always a sought-after sub because of his prowess on the lanes. The only winner for St. Mike's was second roller MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (285, 91.29 in Women's A). It should be mentioned that VI MASSOIA fired a 306 for St. Mike's as well.

Second place Boston College (9 wins) kept pace in a good match vs. eighth place Holy Cross

(4 wins). BC winners were reliable STELLA BARBIERI (257, 88.12 in Women's B) and LARRY FORTIER (328, 93.21 in Men's A). The two HC winners were leadoff MARSHA DOBIE (278, 83.35 in Women's C) and Captain SUE GRIFFIN, a 318-311 upset winner over "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK. Sue is third in Women's AA at 100.5 while Jungle Jim is second in Men's AA at 103.12.

In the next match, sixth place Fordham (5 wins) had all it could handle vs. fifth place St. Mary (5.5 wins). The only Fordham winner was second roller CORI NAPOLITAN (288, 95.34 in Women's A). St. Mary's had three winners - leadoff RITA SCOTT (284, 82.30 in Women's C), third roller FRANK CERPOVICZ (267, 99.5 in Men's A), and Captain JOHN LONCRINI, a huge 378-312 upset winner over none other than "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER, the overall league top gun at 111.0. Mr. Loncrini moved his average to 95.8 in Men's AA.

Next up on the lanes was a battle between third

place Notre Dame (9 wins) and fourth place St. Louis (7 wins). The scores in this one were only fair at best. St. Lou had two winners - second roller KIM LACROIX (289, 91.12 in Women's B) and Captain GLEN ADAMS, a 315-299 winner over FLO ROCHFORD. Glen is tops in Men's AA at 107.2 while Flo is the top gun in Women's AA at 106.15 but is second in women's rolling to perennial queen roller DEBBIE POIRIER of Georgetown.

The only ND winner was third roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (295-289 over PAUL LAGODITZ). "Don't Sit On" is second in Men's A at 99.0.

In the final match of the night, Georgetown (9th place/3 wins) faced seventh place Catholic University (5 wins) and had a tough night. CU winners were second roller MARY THOMAS (a fine 327, 97.28 in Women's A), TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (305, 102.30 in Men's AA), and Captain BILL GRIFFIN, a 292-287 upset winner over DEBBIE POIRIER (108.19 in the Open Class). Griffin is fourth in Men's AA at 99.25.

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## Resident Archie Cataldi Still Teaching Kids All The Right Stuff!

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Clinton High School's Galloping Gaels reined in their third schoolboy Super Bowl win as the Division III Champions for Central Massachusetts last month. The Gaels have been successful three out of the four times they've gone to the Super Bowl in the last 50 years.

Each time, Agawam resident Archie Cataldi has been on the field. In 1945, he was a star running back for his hometown team. In 1994 and 1995, he was the head coach of a team with eight league championships, including the last four years consecutively.

Back-to-back Super Bowl wins for a school of just over 400 students is virtually unheard of, Cataldi said.

"Most of the credit goes to the staff and kids," Cataldi said. "We have a fantastic staff and dedicated kids; sometimes the staff is overlooked, but they're doing the day-to-day coaching."

To his colleagues, Cataldi is an educator respected for insisting that academics come first with his players. Cataldi starts his practices an hour after the end of the school day, and the players are expected to use that time for homework, study, or to get extra help.

Team members who belong to the National Honor Society volunteer as tutors, and students whose grades are slipping must get a note from their teacher verifying that they have received extra help.

"I tell the kids they're in school for an education," Cataldi said. "We emphasize that they're here to have fun, but education is their primary purpose for being in school."

To his players, Cataldi is more than a coach. He is a mentor willing to work tirelessly to help them achieve their goals and further their educations. He helps his players with their college applications and continues to check on their grades long after football season ends.

Described by those who know him best as a "right and wrong, black and white" kind of guy, Cataldi has high standards for his players both on the field and off. To the kids, it means that some behavior, like poor sportsmanship, isn't an option. The unspoken rule: "Coach wouldn't like it." And the kids wouldn't like being diminished in his eyes.

One of Cataldi's students recently paid him the ultimate compliment in choosing Archie for his confirmation name.

### A Hometown Hero...

To the Town of Clinton, he's a hometown hero. Along with the surviving members of his 1945 championship team and their cheerleaders, Cataldi was honored in a halftime ceremony during the championship game and at a banquet later that evening. After his latest Super Bowl win, Cataldi and his team were met at the town limits by police cruisers, fire trucks, and local motorists for an impromptu parade through town.

At a local restaurant, diners stood and cheered when Archie arrived. Characteristically, Archie



**AGAWAM RESIDENT ARCHIE CATALDI** continues to be the head football coach at Clinton High School, the Division III Super Bowl champs. Cataldi is pictured with his two grandkids, Mike and Katie Theroux of Agawam.

shrugged off the idea that the standing ovation was for him personally. "They would have done that for any of my staff who walked in," Archie said.

To his son-in-law, Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux, Cataldi is a blessing.

"My kids couldn't have a better friend," Theroux said. "There's not a day that goes by that Archie and (his wife) Rita don't call or visit my kids. My kids are blessed with both of them."

Living just two miles from their daughter, Carol Theroux, her children (Katie, 14, and Michael, 11), and, of course, the town clerk, the Cataldis devote much of their time to their two grandchildren.

Theroux said it's not at all unusual for at least one of the kids to spend the weekend with their grandparents, and they all try to attend each other's games. Archie has even been known to drive to Phelps Schol with a piece of fruit inadvertently left out of the children's lunch bags.

At his grandson's baseball, hockey, and soccer games, as well as at his granddaughter's soccer and softball games, Cataldi is a devoted fan, but never a sideline kibbitzer.

"He just watches the games," Theroux said. "He never interferes or criticizes."

Theroux said his son, Michael, is on the field at every one of his grandfather's games, and Katie (along with her friend, Christine Campbell) got to ride the players' bus from Clinton to the Super Bowl game in Worcester.

So deep is the respect the players have for their coach, they were less daunted by the idea that Christine's dad is the police chief in Agawam than by the idea that one of their guests is the coach's granddaughter, Theroux said.

### Teacher/Coaching Career Began In Rhode Island

Cataldi began his 38-year teaching/coaching career in Rhode Island and moved to Western Massachusetts in 1957 to take a position at Buckingham Junior High, later moving on to Springfield's Technical and Classical High Schools.

After 18 years in the Springfield School System, Cataldi returned to Clinton to help take care of his sister (who was recovering from surgery) and to

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# AAA Piranhas Defeat Hampshire

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team soundly defeated the Hampshire Regional team by a score of 403-250 on December 8, 1995 at Amherst College. The results included:

## Girls 8 & under:

The team of Tammy Gorman, Rebecca Lewin, Megan Lalli, and Leeann Morytko placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Johannah Kos, second in 100-yard individual medley; Jessica Lalli, first, and Julie Gorman, third in 25-yard freestyle; Johannah Kos, second in 25-yard butterfly; Leeann Morytko, first, Tammy Gorman, second, and Megan Lalli, third in 50-yard freestyle; Julie Gorman, first, Rebecca Lewin, second, and Katelyn Morytko, third in 25-yard backstroke; Leeann Morytko, first, and Caitlin Hurley, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

## Boys 8 & under:

The team of Shaun Bruso, Benjamin Bruso, Jeffrey Lagasse, and James Lewin placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Benjamin Bruso, first in 100-yard individual medley; James Lewin, first, Benjamin Bruso, second, and Doug Duquette, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 25-yard butterfly; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Matthew Weir, third in 50-yard freestyle; James Lewin, first, and Shaun Bruso, third in 25-yard backstroke; Shaun Bruso, first, and Doug Duquette, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

## Girls 9-10:

The team of Katie Gorman, Leigh Stepanian, Bethany Reid, and Allison Morris placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Erin Milillo, Jenine Davignon, Irena Klimczak, and Selema Sekkal placed third.

The team of Brittany Theriaque, Bethany Reid, Jillian Kos, and Katie Gorman placed second in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Meagan Sassen, Jenine Davignon, Allison Morris, and Leigh Stepanian placed third.

Jillian Kos, first in 100-yard individual medley; Katie Gorman, second in 50-yard freestyle; Jillian Kos, first, and Leigh Stepanian, third in 50-yard butterfly; Irena Klimczak, second, and Selema Sekkal, third in 100-yard freestyle; Allison Morris, third in 50-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

## Boys 9-10:

The team of Daniel Adamski, Tom Gorman, Paul Lagasse, and Laurence Rocke placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Paul Lagasse, second, and Tom Gorman, third in 100-yard individual medley; Daniel Adamski, first, Laurence Rocke, second, and Adam Kinney, third in 50-yard freestyle; Paul Lagasse, first in 50-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, first, Laurence Rocke, second, and Michael Lalli, third in 100-yard freestyle; Michael Lalli, first in 50-yard backstroke; Tom Gorman, first, and Anthony Rueli, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

## Girls 11-12:

The team of Rachel Morris, Kyleigh Egan, Hilary Golas, and Christina O'Brien placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Kyleigh Egan, second in 200-yard individual medley; Christina O'Brien, first, and Rachel Morris, second in 200-yard freestyle; Rachel Morris, first, and Melissa King, third in 50-yard freestyle; Hilary Golas, first, and Ashley King, third in 50-yard butterfly; Lisa Niedziela, first in 100-yard freestyle; Hilary Golas, first, and Melissa King, third in 50-yard backstroke; Ashley King, second, and Kyleigh Egan, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

## Boys 11-12:

Nathan Adamski, first in 200-yard individual medley, and first in 50-yard backstroke.

## Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Brenna McGinn, Jennifer Reid, Allison Pisano, and Shannon Costa placed second; and the team of Melissa Sparver, Lauren Kunkler, Katherine Chmura, and Hillary King placed third.

Shannon Costa, second, and Jennifer Reid, third in 200-yard individual medley; Allison Pisano, first, and Melissa Sparver, third in 200-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first in 50-yard freestyle; Allison Pisano, second in 100-yard butterfly; Sarah Nacewicz, second in 100-yard freestyle; Sarah Nacewicz, first, and Brenna McGinn, second in 100-yard backstroke; Jennifer Reid, first, Katherine Chmura, second, and Lauren Kunkler, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

## Boys 13-14:

Thomas Graveline, first in 200-yard freestyle; Matthew Francis, second in 50-yard freestyle, and second in 100-yard freestyle; Thomas Graveline, second in 100-yard backstroke.

## CATALDI - from Page 55...

take what looked like a one-year position in the high school athletic department.

Nineteen years later, Cataldi retired as Clinton's athletic director in 1991. As long as he has his health and as long as they want him to return, Cataldi says he will stay on as the head football coach and the track and field coach. Although his plans aren't definite, Archie says he expects to coach track this spring and to return next fall to the gridiron.

For his players, Archie says the biggest benefit they get from playing sports is the camaraderie and closeness that develops in working on a team effort. For himself, it's the satisfaction he gets from putting in so much time with the kids.

"What better place to put your time and money than in the kids," Cataldi said. "They really are the future of the country, and I just enjoy it."

Cataldi sums up the philosophy by noting a career that has taken him to the schoolboy Super Bowl, and has seen one former student (the Honorable Richard Neal) go as far as the U.S. House of Representatives. "In teaching and in coaching, if you don't have any fun, it isn't worth it. Education comes first and extracurricular comes second," Archie said.

For this winning coach, winning isn't everything. "Winning is great, but all I want is the best the kids are capable of," he said. "After we lost to an arch-rival, the kids were all teary-eyed, but I told them it isn't the end of the world. You have to learn how to lose. Of course, winning is better, but finding out how to lose showed their character."

Asked to identify one moment or incident that stands out in his 38 years on the field and in the classroom, Cataldi couldn't do it. With a record like his, that's not surprising.

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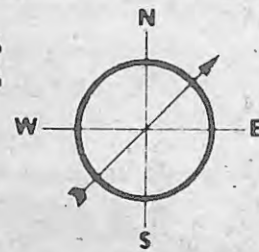
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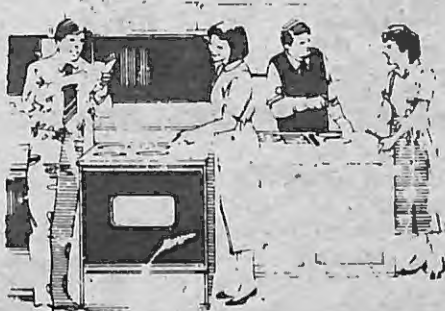
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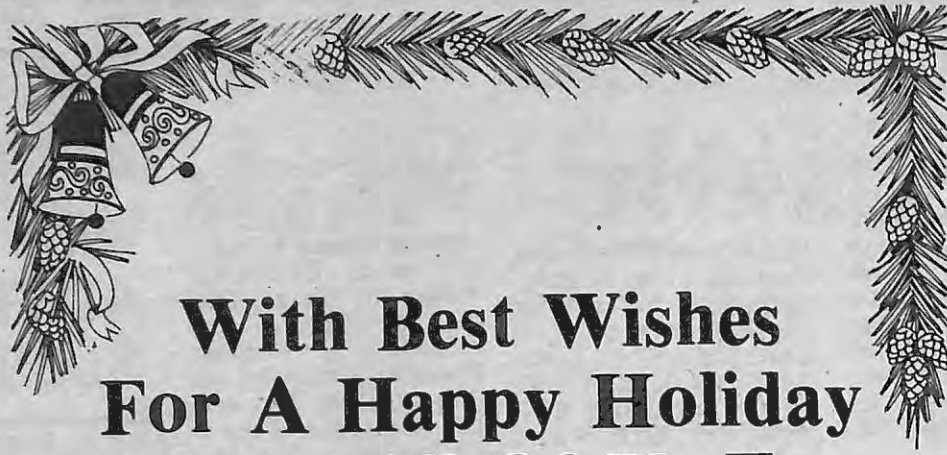
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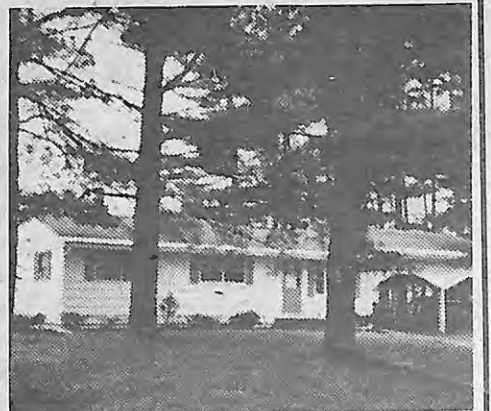
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